



Annual Community Awards *Nominating Ballot*

The Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host the **55th Annual First Citizen Banquet** in 2026. We will be at the Mt. Angel Festhalle on Saturday, January 31st. The event is a time to recognize citizens and businesses for their efforts in improving our community in 2025. Nomination forms must be completed and returned to the Chamber office no later than Friday, December 26th. The criteria for awards are explained on the other side of this form. Past winners are attached. Nominate someone today!

Categories (please check only one per form)

☐ First Citizen

☐ Distinguished Service

☐ Business of the Year

☐ Judy Schmidt Lifetime Achievement Award

☐ Club or Service Group of the Year

Name of Nominee _____

Nominee Address _____

Occupation _____

Nominated By _____ Contact Phone _____

☐ Yes, I am interested in making the presentation if my nominee is selected.

☐ No, I am not interested in making the presentation if my nominee is selected,

☐ but I suggest: _____

On a separate page, identify and describe how the nominee is distinguished in the following areas:

1. Community Service: Contributions of time, labor, talent and other resources freely given to the community.
2. Dedication and Commitment: Extraordinary involvement in serving others.
3. Leadership: Examples of influence that might encourage service from others.

Document your nomination with as much information as possible. Attached testimonial letters, commendations, newspaper clippings, and similar items are helpful in the selection process. The selection committee, made up of former winners, business and community leaders, will base their decisions on the information you provide.

Nomination/Selection Criteria

First Citizen

Awarded annually to a local individual (or individuals) for making a ***broad*** and substantial impact on our community.

Distinguished Service

Awarded annually to a local individual (or individuals) for making an impact on our community in a ***specific*** area.

Business of the Year

Awarded annually to a business, either retail or service oriented, for outstanding service to the community.

Judy Schmidt Lifetime Achievement Award

Awarded annually to a local individual (or individuals) for sustained commitment to service in the community over an extended period of time.

Future First Citizen – Typically Nominated by School Advisors

Age limit of 16-20 years old. Awarded annually to a local individual for peer leadership, community service, and participation in school clubs or organizations. Includes the Jack Berger Memorial Scholarship of \$300.

Club or Service Group of the Year –

A group that has provided exceptional service to the community over the last year or years.

**Return this ballot by December 26, 2025 to:
Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 257 Silverton, OR 97381
Or drop by in person to 426 S. Water Street in Silverton**

First Citizen

1971 Lorna Steinberger
 1972 Bob Marcum
 1973 Willard Hayne
 1974 Bob Borland
 1975 Carl & Irene Hande
 1976 Gordon Henjum
 1977 Joe Davis
 1978 John Sims
 1979 John Middlemiss
 1980 Gladys Clark
 1981 Paul Almquist
 1982 Dr. Wayne Grodrian
 1983 Craig Clark
 1984 Dave & Joyce Larson
 1985 Harry Vetter
 1986 Vernice Cole
 1987 Dottie Souza
 1988 Raymond Kaser
 1989 Olaf Paulson
 1990 Glada Greenfield
 1991 Nick Robinson
 1992 Stu Rasmussen
 1993 Herman Goschie
 1994 Bill Hanson
 1995 Dr. Virgil Pettit
 1996 Chuck White
 1997 Orville Roth
 1998 Loretta Opsahl
 1999 Vince & Babs Till
 2000 Mike Overfield
 2001 Robert Edgerton
 2002 Judy Schmidt
 2003 Ken Hector
 2004 Dr. Wayne Feller
 2005 Darby Hector
 2006 Ann Altman
 2007 Jerry Steffen
 2008 Don Kelley
 2009 Denny & Genie Stoll
 2010 Terry Thomas
 2011 Beth Davisson
 2012 Dixon Bledsoe
 2013 Kyle Palmer
 2014 Jane Jones
 2015 Gus Fredrick
 2016 Cindy Jones
 2017 Andy Bellando
 2018 Kevin and Stacy Palmer
 2019 Becky Ludden
 2020 Glen Damewood
 2021 Hillary Dumatrescu
 2022 Dana Smith
 2023 Laura Wanker
 2024 Eric Druliner

Retailer of the Year

1987 Orville Roth
 1988 Jean Wahlster
 1989 Ernie Hento
 1990 Cascade Farm Machinery
 1991 Betty Twede

Business of the Year

1992 Blazer Industries
 1993 Redman Homes
 1994 Pfeifer Construction
 1995 Silverton Hospital
 1996 Cooley's Gardens
 1997 Silverton Realty
 1998 Leather & Lace
 1999 Silver Creek Deli
 2000 Roth's Family Market
 2001 Silver Falls Bank

Business of the Year (continued)

2002 Silver Creek Animal Clinic
 2003 Silver Creek Gallery
 2004 Silverton Ballet/Performing Arts Co.
 2005 Silver Grille Café & Wines
 2006 Wooden Nickel/Mac's
 2007 Stone Budda/Purl District
 2008 Fall Line – Jason Franz
 2009 Silverton Fitness
 2010 Pomegranate
 2011 Michael Kim, DDS
 2012 Holland Collision Service
 2013 Seven Brides Brewing
 2014 Our Town/Mt. Angel Publishing
 2015 The Oregon Garden
 2016 Harcourts NW Oregon Realty
 2017 Les Schwab
 2018 Bledsoe-Santana Team Realty
 2019 The Pill Box
 2020 The Satern Agency Country Financial
 2021 Silver Falls Brewery
 2022 The Lucky Leaf
 2023 Willamette Valley Bank
 2024 Maps Credit Union

Distinguished Service

1980 Wyoma Jean Shoupp
 1981 Glada Greenfield
 1982 Jeff Brekas
 1983 Christine Schwab
 1984 Don Lowe
 1985 Steve & Joni Goodwin
 1986 Sandy Sanford
 1987 LaVonne & John Haynie
 1988 Clarence Taylor
 1989 Scott Hess
 1990 Keenan & Jan Foraker
 1991 Mildred Thayer
 1992 Harriet Day
 1993 Richard Nelson
 1994 Tonner Hays
 1995 Judy Schmidt
 1996 Patty & Dave Dunmire
 1997 Tammi Cline Phillip DeBartolo
 1998 Betty & Al Hollin
 1999 Jean Corrigan
 2000 Betty Lou & Harold Wellman
 2001 Elmer Valkenaar
 2002 Ruth Cock
 2003 Evelyn Hynes
 2004 Community Outreach Clinic
 2005 Frank & Bernadette Mele
 2006 Janette Olafson
 2007 Doreen Kelly
 2008 Laura Wanker/Helen Thomas
 2009 Craig Roessler
 2010 Bill Cummins
 2011 Wed. Community Dinners
 2012 Richard Carlson
 2013 Kevin Griffin
 2014 Marta Hazekamp
 2015 Brad Brenden
 2016 Norm English
 2017 Sue Roessler
 2018 Sarah White
 2019 Erica Rumpca and Mindy Duerst
 2020 Sarah DeSantis
 2021 Josh & Paige Echo-Hawk
 2022 Meg Feicht
 2023 Jon Friedrick
 2024 Bill Miles

Lifetime Achievement

1999 Dr Olwyn Davies
 2000 Fred & Nola Parkinson
 2001 Quentin & Lois Estell
 2002 Roth's Family Market
 2003 Carolyn Berg
 2004 Joe Davis
 2005 Don Dolan
 2006 The Goschie Family
 2007 Norma Jean Branstetter
 2008 Dora Palmquist
 2009 Steve Potter
 2010 Antonia & Doug Jenkins
 2011 Wes Oster
 2012 Verlene Beard
 2013 Rick Lewis
 2014 Jim Brueckner
 2015 Gayle Goschie
 2016 Mason Branstetter
 2017 Bob Holowati
 2018 Elmer Valkenaar
 2019 Bill and Sylvia Long
 2020 Chuck White
 2021 Otto Stadel
 2022 Arlene Harris
 2023 Don & Debbie Bennett
 2024 Ken & Darby Hector

Junior First Citizen

1976 Bill Gragg
 1977 Dona Pfeifer
 1978 Kathy Lamoreaux
 1979 Nick Robinson
 1980 Bob Evans
 1981 Bob & Linda Nuttman
 1984 Dian Forster
 1985 Curt Almquist
 1986 Dwaine Wisthoff
 1987 Gus Frederick
 1998 Cory Cline

Future First Citizen

2000 Terry Manning II and Katie Niemeyer
 2001 Emily Yarbrough
 2002 Kirsten Funrue
 2003 Caitlin Sander
 2004 Ashley Lively
 2005 Kelsey Hupp
 2006 Marie-Therese Senecal
 2007 Elvi Cuellar
 2008 Brianna Bledsoe
 2009 Hallie Day
 2010 J'Nyssa Baker
 2011 Julian Canda
 2012 Ross Martinson
 2013 Macy Mulholland
 2014 Valeria Vazquez-Trejo
 2015 Kate Brazelton
 2016 Megan Mannion
 2017 Joseph Schmitz
 2018 Alyssa Khieu
 2019 Zahra DeShaw
 2020 Charles Petrik
 2021
 2022 Hannah Bashor
 2023 Claire Kuenzi
 2024 Maxwell Mulick

Outstanding Club or Service Group

2020 – We All Dine in Silverton
 2021 – Skate Park Phase II
 2022 – Legacy Health Auxiliary
 2023 Silverton Sidewalk Shindig
 2024 Silverton Fire Volunteer Toy Drive