PALMYRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Bringing Business and Community Together"

ANNUAL AWARDS
NOMINATING CRITERIA & GUIDELINES

Deadline for all nominations is Monday, November 30, 2026

Nominations for Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year are accepted year round.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Criteria

- Has recently made or is making a significant contribution toward the welfare and betterment of the Palmyra community through involvement and participation
- Consistently demonstrated excellence in professional and civic leadership
- Given freely of her/his time and energy contributing to positive economic growth and stability for our area

Guidelines

Include the following specifics in your nomination letter:

- A brief history of the nominee's work background & involvement in civic and/or social organizations
- The difference the nominee has made & why it is important
- Examples of her/his achievement(s) from first-hand experience or a range of views & perspectives
- What impact has he/she had?
- What makes this nominee different than the others?

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

*Nominations for Educator of the Year do **not** have to be for a teacher, but may be for any individual who positively guides youth or trains others.*

Criteria

- Has influenced or inspired you or someone you know; nominations for *Educator of the Year* don't have to be for a schoolteacher but may be for any individual who positively guides youth or trains others.
- Uses meaningful and engaging methods to deliver curriculum and impact those taught
- Has developed relationships with students, families, and coworkers that have earned her/him the respect and admiration of these groups

Guidelines

Include the following specifics in your nomination letter:

- What has the teacher accomplished, & how have those accomplishments impacted student lives?
- Give examples of what the teacher has done to exceed expectations: i.e. names of students helped & how, or personal examples of what this teacher has done to help you.
- Describe how this teacher's actions have impacted the life or lives of students, perhaps even long-term

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Criteria

- Has consistently demonstrated qualities of compassion, and service to either one organization or a variety of volunteer activities in the Palmyra community
- Has helped inspire and mobilize others to work together
- The charitable activities/events or service listed on the application cannot be part of the nominee's job description or duties, and the individual cannot receive any monetary or personal benefits from their involvement

Guidelines

Include the following specifics in your nomination letter:

- Describe how your nominee has provided significant volunteer service to community
  - (Examples: Participation in church groups, mentoring programs, school or community activities, disaster relief efforts, cultural or environmental programs, community or service groups, etc.)
- What makes this nominee different than the others?

Nomination Procedures

Every citizen in Palmyra and its surrounding area is eligible for these awards without regard to race, creed, or gender. Consideration will not be limited to achievements of contributions during the year immediately preceding the year of the award but shall be cumulative over a period of years in the community.

Submit nominations to:

director@showmepalmyra.com

Palmyra Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 446
417 S. Main
Palmyra, MO 63461

The deadline for all nominations is November 30, 2026. The Palmyra Chamber Board of Directors will act as the selection committee and will review the submitted nomination forms.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

PALMYRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee's Full Name: _____

Organization(s) Served (if known): _____

Nominated By: _____

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Describe the nominee's volunteer activities, organizations served, and contributions to the community.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

How has this person's volunteer work helped others or made Palmyra a better place? Share specific examples.

OUTSTANDING DEDICATION

What makes this volunteer exceptional? How have they inspired others or gone beyond what was expected?

HOW TO SUBMIT

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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Nominee's Full Name: _____

Organization(s) Served (if known): _____

Nominated By: _____

BACKGRUND/INVOLVEMENT

Describe the nominee's work background, involvement in civic/social organizations, and contributions to Palmyra.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

What has this person accomplished, and how have those accomplishments benefited the community?

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WHY RECOGNIZE THEM?

What sets this nominee apart? Describe the lasting impact they have made on Palmyra.

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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee's Full Name: _____

School/Organization (if applicable): _____

Nominated By: _____

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

How has this person inspired, influenced, or positively impacted students or others they teach or mentor?

GOING ABOVE & BEYOND

Provide specific examples of how this individual has exceeded expectations in their role.

LASTING IMPACT

How have this person's actions made a meaningful difference in the lives of others, including over the long term?

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