

Petaluma Community Recognition Awards Eligibility and Criteria

Award for Excellence: Large Business

To be presented to a business that meets or exceeds the following:

Eligibility:

- A “for-profit” business
- In operation for at least five years
- 40 or more employees

Selection Criteria:

- Encourages innovation and creativity within the company
- Demonstrates socially responsible business practices
- Provides employee considerations that inspire professional and personal growth
- Practices environmental awareness and promotes sustainability
- Shows an on-going commitment to projects or programs that promote the better good of the Petaluma Community.
- Is recognized as a leader in its industry and community

Award for Excellence: Small Business

To be presented to a business that meets or exceeds the following:

Eligibility:

- A “for-profit” business
- In operation for at least three years
- 39 or fewer employees

Selection Criteria:

- Encourages innovation and creativity within the company
- Demonstrates socially responsible business practices
- Provides employee considerations that inspire professional and personal growth
- Practices environmental awareness and promotes sustainability
- Shows an on-going commitment to projects or programs that promote the better good of the Petaluma Community.
- Is recognized as a leader in its industry and community

Award for Excellence in: Service to Youth

To be presented to a business that meets or exceeds the following:

Eligibility:

- A citizen living within the Petaluma area
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Is not currently employed by a non-profit or business that serves youth

Selection Criteria:

- Has shown an exceptional commitment to the positive development of youth through education, the arts, sports, community involvement, youth organizations or youth groups.
- Encourages innovation, creativity, and self expression by youth
- Is a positive role model in both professional and personal life
- Helps provide an environment that inspires personal growth in youth
- Shows an on-going commitment to projects or programs that promote the better good of Petaluma youth and their community.
- Is recognized as a mentor and role model by youth and their parents

Award for Excellence in: Service to Seniors

To be presented to a business that meets or exceeds the following:

Eligibility:

- A citizen living within the Petaluma area
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Is not currently employed by a non-profit or business that serves seniors

Selection Criteria:

- Has shown an exceptional commitment to the positive support of seniors through education, the arts, sports, community involvement, senior organizations or senior activities.
- Encourages innovation, creativity, and self expression by seniors
- Is a positive role model in both professional and personal life
- Helps provide for an environment that inspires personal growth in seniors

- Shows an on-going commitment to projects or programs that promote the better good of Petaluma seniors, their needs and their community.
- Is recognized as an advocate for a better quality of life for Petaluma seniors

Volunteer of the Year

To be presented to a business that meets or exceeds the following:

Eligibility:

- A citizen living within the Petaluma area
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Not currently employed by a non profit organization

Selection Criteria:

- Has shown an exceptional commitment to the community of Petaluma through a volunteer contribution of time, expertise, and personal desire
- Has made a positive and measurable contribution to the community over time in education, the arts, sports, or service to a particular organization
- Demonstrates innovation and creativity in service to the community
- Is a positive role model in both professional and personal life
- Helps provide an environment that inspires others to volunteer in their community
- Shows an on-going commitment to projects or programs that promote the better good of the Petaluma community.
- Is recognized as a mentor and role model
- Stands apart as going above and beyond the call to volunteer by.....

Award for Excellence in: Education

To be presented to a business that meets or exceeds the following:

Eligibility:

- A citizen living within the Petaluma area
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Not limited to a State of California credentialed teacher
- Involvement in Petaluma area education

Selection Criteria:

- Has shown an exceptional commitment to the practice of educating the citizens of Petaluma
- Encourages innovation, creativity, and self expression in the educational process
- Is a positive role model in both professional and personal life
- Helps provide an environment that inspires personal growth in education
- Shows an on-going commitment to projects or programs that promote the better good of Petaluma
- Is recognized as a mentor and role model by students and peers
- Whose efforts have improved and enhanced the lives of students in the Petaluma Area schools

Citizen of the Year

To be presented to a business that meets or exceeds the following:

Eligibility:

- A citizen living within the Petaluma area
- Must be at least 18 years of age

Selection Criteria:

- An individual who sets a model of civic responsibility through outstanding service and involvement in the Petaluma community
- Is a positive role model in both professional and personal life
- A citizen who, through civic activities, inspires others to become involved in the Petaluma community
- A citizen who demonstrates an on-going commitment to support civic projects or programs which promote the highest good of the Petaluma community.

Police officer of the year

Chosen by Police Department

Firefighter of the year

Chosen by Fire Department

Excellence in customer service

See forms and criteria in the Argus-Courier.