Community Business Awards

To *submit* a nomination, you do not need to be a member of the Chamber or be a resident of Sherwood.
To *qualify and receive* a Businesses award the business must be Located in Sherwood.

Large Business of the Year

Eligibility Guidelines: This large business has ten or more employees and has achieved excellence in business through marketing, promotional activities, and ethical standards. This business makes contributions to their industry and demonstrates an exceptional level of customer satisfaction, confidence, and service. Promoting employee self-growth and development is a characteristic of the company. Likewise, this business has proven their commitment to the community through civic leadership and ongoing support of initiatives that strengthen Sherwood's economic vitality, quality of life, and future growth.

Small Business of the Year

Eligibility Guidelines: Less than ten employees; achieved excellence in business through marketing, promotional activities, and ethical practices. Makes contributions to their industry. Has demonstrated an elevated level of customer satisfaction, confidence, and service. Promotes employee self-growth and development. Has proven their commitment to the community through personal and civic leadership and financial contributions.

Rookie of the Year

Eligibility Guidelines: This new business, of less than 3 years; has achieved excellence in business through marketing promotional activities and ethics. Has demonstrated a high level of customer satisfaction, confidence, and service. Their commitment to the community has proven through personal or civic leadership and financial contributions.

Age Friendly Business Award

Eligibility Guidelines: This award honors a Sherwood organization or business that demonstrates exceptional commitment to older adults in our community. The nominee actively supports lifelong engagement by creating opportunities for personal growth, social connection, and community inclusion. They may also provide financial, emotional, physical, or spiritual support that empowers older adults to thrive and continue living fully in Sherwood.

Winery or Vineyard of the Year

Eligibility Guidelines: This award recognizes Sherwood's growing significance in the wine industry. Sherwood boasts a remarkable number of wineries, many of which actively contribute to and participate in the Sherwood Winery Alliance. The intent of this award is to acknowledge such achievements across a wide range of attributes such as excellence in winemaking, innovation in vineyard practices, commitment to sustainability, exceptional experiences, community engagement, industry leadership, and contributions that elevate Sherwood's reputation as a premier wine destination.

Individual Awards

To *submit* a nomination, you do not need to be a member of the Chamber or a resident of Sherwood.
To *qualify and receive* an Individual Award the individual must reside in *or* work in Sherwood.

Citizen of the Year Award

Eligibility Guidelines: This prestigious award honors an individual of unwavering character, integrity, and fortitude — someone whose actions consistently uplift the Sherwood community. The nominee demonstrates exceptional dedication through volunteerism, leadership, mentorship, and service that creates a positive and lasting impact on the lives of others. This individual is deeply committed to long-term community well-being, whether working independently or as part of a group. They are widely regarded as a "giver" — someone who shows up, steps forward, and contributes selflessly. Their strong ethical and moral values guide their decisions, inspire those around them, and reflect the very best of what it means to be a citizen of Sherwood.

Outstanding Youth Award

Eligibility Guidelines: This award recognizes a selfless young person under the age of eighteen who demonstrates exceptional commitment to the Sherwood community. The nominee shows outstanding dedication through civic involvement, volunteer service, and leadership that positively influences others. They consistently step forward to help, contribute meaningfully to community initiatives, and serve as a role model among their peers — embodying the spirit of youth leadership and service in Sherwood.

Outstanding Community Service Award Guidelines

Eligibility Guidelines: This award honors an individual whose sustained volunteerism, service, and dedication have created a significant and lasting impact on the Sherwood community. The nominee consistently steps forward to help others, strengthen community bonds, and preserve the historical character and shared identity that make Sherwood unique. Their actions embody the true spirit of service — generosity, commitment, and a deep passion for enriching the lives of those around them.

Golden Apple Guidelines

Eligibility Guidelines: This award recognizes a teacher, staff member, or employee of any public or private school within the Sherwood School District who demonstrates exceptional dedication to students and education. The nominee shows a broad range of strengths — whether through classroom innovation, volunteer service, or meaningful involvement in the community. They embody a deep commitment to education and lifelong learning, consistently serving as a mentor to youth and continually going beyond what is expected to support success and well-being.