



# 2026 Awards Banquet **Nomination** Ballot

Name (submitting ballot) \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone may nominate a member! Look at last year nominations, the past recipients and think about who inspired you last year to submit a 2026 nomination.

Nominees must either own, be employed by or be a member of a business, organization or civic club that is a member of the New London Area Chamber of Commerce in good standing. Nominees must have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the individual award criteria listed below. See each award below for qualifying details. The member directory at newlondonchamber.com will provide details for all membership including when members joined the Chamber. **Please note, businesses and individuals are not eligible to win the same award they won last year.** Insufficient information will not be used.

Voting takes place February 5<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Award	Past Five Recipients	2025 Nominees	2026 Nominations
<p><b>Business of the Year Award</b></p> <p><i>This award is presented to a business that has been a member of the New London Area Chamber of Commerce for a minimum of 1 year and:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates an economic enhancement to the area through; increased employment, new products or services or by increasing visitors to the area</li> <li>• Has distinguished themselves from competition through new technologies and / or social media</li> <li>• Has provided exceptional assistance to other businesses</li> <li>• Has pursued educational opportunities for the purpose of the advancement of professional knowledge for self or employees</li> <li>• Promotes community involvement through; volunteerism, financial support and / or donations and assisting with local generous causes</li> <li>• Provides a needed or desired product or service to the area</li> <li>• Offers outstanding customer service</li> </ul>	<p>2021 - Festival Foods  2022 - The Bottle Shop  2023 - First State Bank  2024 – Events Everlasting  2025- Jolly Roger’s Pizzeria – not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARC Angel’s</li> <li>• Bean City Bar &amp; Grill</li> <li>• Cornerstone Insurance Services LLC</li> <li>• Cruz Inn Inc.</li> <li>• Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery – New London</li> <li>• Familiar Grounds</li> <li>• Griebenow Eyecare</li> <li>• Jolly Roger’s Pizzeria</li> <li>• Longevity Nutrition</li> <li>• Lynn Tank Agency LLC</li> <li>• Mid-State Asphalt LLC</li> <li>• Northern Belle Boutique</li> <li>• NXT Level Activewear</li> <li>• Radtke-Rhone Insurance Agency</li> <li>• Rasasvada</li> <li>• Rawhide Youth Services</li> <li>• Stalker Sports Floors</li> <li>• Thrivent Financial Badgerland Group – New London Office</li> <li>• Titan Conveyors</li> <li>• Walker Family Veterinary Hospital</li> <li>• Wolf River Community Bank</li> </ul>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chamber Service Award</b></p> <p><i>This award is presented to an individual who has been a member of the New London Area Chamber of Commerce for a minimum of 1 year and:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively promotes the Chamber within the community</li> <li>• Has displayed superior leadership and efforts that have made a difference in our area</li> <li>• Has made a significant donation of time and talent to the Chamber</li> <li>• Supports the mission and goals of the Chamber</li> <li>• Works with area businesses and or organizations to help them achieve their goals</li> </ul>	<p>2021 - Tracey Johnson  2022 - Adam Kopitzke  2023 - Kim Chonos &amp; Team  2024 – “Mooch” Barrington  2025 – Tanner Berkhahn - not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Bergum</li> <li>• Tanner Berkhahn</li> <li>• Bill Bishop</li> <li>• CeCelia Bos</li> <li>• Kim Chonos</li> <li>• Karen Duch</li> <li>• Morgan Gorges</li> <li>• Bob Guyette</li> <li>• Chad Hoerth</li> <li>• James Kelley</li> <li>• Britney Riesenberg</li> <li>• Lori Jo Schneider</li> <li>• Kim Schroeder</li> <li>• Leah Seavecki</li> <li>• Lynn Tank</li> <li>• Patricia Toney</li> <li>• Nicole Young</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Community Service Award</b></p> <p><i>This award is presented to a service club, civic organization or individual who has been a member of the New London Area Chamber of Commerce for a minimum of 1 year and:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhances way of life</li> <li>• Enriches community image</li> <li>• Has demonstrated a deep and sincere caring for the area</li> <li>• Has initiated and / or executed a community enhancement project including follow-through</li> <li>• Provides a continued donation of time and talent to the Chamber</li> </ul>	<p>2021 – The Washington Center  Community Cupboard  2022 – Most Precious Blood  Resale Shop  2023 – Mission of Hope House of  WI, Inc.  2024 – New London Lions Club  2025- New London Youth  Baseball - not eligible for  2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7-11 Club</li> <li>• American Legion Norris  Spencer Post 263 and Auxiliary</li> <li>• Audelina Sanchez – CAP  Services, Inc.</li> <li>• The Bridge Thrift Store</li> <li>• Karen Duch</li> <li>• Feonix-Mobility Rising</li> <li>• Jeff Handschke – Real Estate by  Jeffrey</li> <li>• Joe Marquardt</li> <li>• May Festival</li> <li>• Mission of Hope House of WI,  Inc.</li> <li>• Mosquito Hill Nature Center</li> <li>• New London Youth Baseball</li> <li>• The Salvation Army Waupaca  County</li> <li>• Lynn Tank</li> <li>• Tony &amp; Lorraine Van Kampen</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury Fight for  Life Team</li> <li>• Trinity Lutheran Church</li> <li>• Wolf River Art League</li> </ul>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Excellence in Innovation Award</b></p> <p><i>This award is presented to a business or organization who has been a member of the NL Area Chamber of Commerce and:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has advanced working relationships within the business community</li> <li>• Has become a pioneer or leader in their field of operation</li> <li>• Has demonstrated significant or continuous growth in sales, service and / or employees</li> <li>• Has developed a unique business concept</li> <li>• Has distinguished themselves from competition through new technologies, superior customer service and use of social media</li> <li>• Provides efficient and effective service</li> </ul>	<p>2021 – Modern Cleaning Solutions, LLC  2022 – NXT Level Ultimate Sports Complex  2023 – Titan Conveyors  2024 – First State Bank  2025 – Spooks on Spurr - not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARC Angel’s</li> <li>• Associated Bank</li> <li>• Bees &amp; Blossoms Farm</li> <li>• Cornerstone Insurance Services, LLC</li> <li>• Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery – New London</li> <li>• Hintzke Well Drilling, Inc.</li> <li>• Macaport, LLC</li> <li>• New London Public Museum</li> <li>• NXT Level Activewear</li> <li>• Rawhide Youth Services</li> <li>• School District of New London</li> <li>• Spooks on Spurr</li> <li>• Strongwood</li> <li>• ThedaCare Medical Center – New London</li> <li>• Titan Conveyors</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury Fight for Life Team</li> <li>• Tyson Foods, Inc.</li> <li>• Wolf River Veterinary Hospital LLC</li> </ul>	
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Quality of Life Award</b></p> <p><i>This award is presented to a service club, civic organization, business or individual who has been a member of the NL Area Chamber of Commerce and:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a unique “experience” for community members and tourists</li> <li>• Draws people to our community for work or leisure</li> <li>• Initiates or participates in an event or campaign that creates a “sense of community”</li> <li>• Provides a product or service that enhances our area</li> <li>• Significantly improves the image, character and social climate of the area</li> </ul>	<p>2021 – Casey Zempel  2022 – The Bridge Thrift Store  2023 – New London Police Department  2024 – Mosquito Hill Nature Center  2025- May Festival - not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anytime Fitness</li> <li>• Bear Creek Fireman’s Festival &amp; Car Show</li> <li>• City of New London</li> <li>• Drop N’ Go</li> <li>• Feonix – Mobility Rising</li> <li>• Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin &amp; Upper MI</li> <li>• May Festival</li> <li>• Mindful Movements Yoga</li> <li>• New London Parks &amp; Recreation</li> <li>• Radtke-Rhone Insurance Agency</li> <li>• Rawhide Youth Services</li> <li>• Spooks on Spurr</li> <li>• St. Joseph Residence, Inc.</li> <li>• ThedaCare Medical Center – New London</li> <li>• Thern Farm</li> <li>• Tony &amp; Lorraine Van Kampen</li> <li>• Walker Family Veterinary Hospital</li> <li>• Water Street Vintage, LLC</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Business of the Year Award</b></p> <p><i>This award is presented to a business less than 2 years old and / or is under new ownership within last 2 years is a member of the NL Chamber of Commerce and:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates economic enhancement to the area</li> <li>• Has developed a new market or niche</li> <li>• Offers outstanding customer service</li> <li>• Promotes community involvement through; volunteerism, financial support and / or donations and assisting with local generous causes</li> <li>• Provides a needed or desired service to the community</li> </ul>	<p>2021 – Cozy n’ Sweet Pop-Up Candy Shoppe LLC  2022 – Northern Belle Boutique  2023 - Events Everlasting  2024 – Walker Family Veterinary Hospital  2025- The Vault - not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AJ Sics – State Farm Insurance</li> <li>• Dragon’s Den Bar &amp; Grill</li> <li>• Drop N’ Go</li> <li>• Edward Jones – Nicholas Koch</li> <li>• Hucklberry Acres Campground</li> <li>• Mindful Movements Yoga</li> <li>• Olive &amp; Rose Boutique</li> <li>• Palace Breakfast</li> <li>• The Vault</li> <li>• T Mobile</li> <li>• Victory Lane Diecast LLC</li> </ul>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Beautification Award</b></p> <p><i>This award is presented to a service club, civic organization, business or individual who has been a member of the NL Area Chamber of Commerce and:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates an appealing environment for community members and tourists</li> <li>• Enhanced physical characteristic of property or “brand”</li> <li>• Has done an interior or exterior renovation of property</li> <li>• Saw a need for a community enhancement and initiated and executed the change</li> <li>• Supports beautification projects through the donation of time and talents and / or a financial contribution</li> </ul>	<p>2021 – Wolf River Art League  2022 – Cornerstone Insurance Services LLC  2023 – Thern Farm  2024 – Dragon’s Den Bar &amp; Grill  2025 – Events Everlasting - not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amazing Low Prices</li> <li>• Amcor Flexibles New London Graphics</li> <li>• Bean City Bar &amp; Grill</li> <li>• Bees &amp; Blossoms Farm</li> <li>• Blossom and Bloom Greenhouse LLC</li> <li>• City of New London</li> <li>• Cornerstone Insurance Services LLC</li> <li>• Cruz Inn Inc.</li> <li>• Events Everlasting</li> <li>• Griebenow Eyecare</li> <li>• Jolly Roger’s Pizzeria</li> <li>• Northern Belle Boutique</li> <li>• Rawhide Youth Services</li> <li>• Simply Skin Aesthetics</li> <li>• Wolf River Art League</li> <li>• Wolf River Theatrical Troupe, Inc.</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Educator / School Personnel of the Year Award</b></p> <p><i>This award is presented to an educator or School Personnel or any individual who works with students in a public or private school setting who has been a member of the NL Area Chamber of Commerce.</i></p> <p>The New London Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting and facilitating education and business partnerships that promote student success, workforce development, and high quality of life for all residents learning, growing, working, and living in the New London region. We recognize that educators are the preparers of the next generation of community leaders and doers, and business/education partnerships are the models for success! Please share the name of your educator / school personnel of the year nominee and how they have inspired, supported, challenged, and motivated students and our New London school and chamber community.</p>	<p>2023 (New) – Missy Porath &amp; Becky Marquardt  2024 – Brian Yerkey  2025- Joe Gruentzel - not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott Bleck</li> <li>• Jenny Doran</li> <li>• Bill Fuerstenau</li> <li>• Joe Gruentzel</li> <li>• Kasey Kaepernick</li> <li>• Tara Korth</li> <li>• Kim Lodewegen</li> <li>• Erin Marsh</li> <li>• Kevin Spindler</li> <li>• Breezy Tiegs</li> <li>• Amber Yerkey</li> </ul>	