



2026 Awards Banquet VOTING Ballot

Name / Member Business / Organization (submitting ballot)

We will accept ONE vote per Chamber member. If we receive more than one vote from a Chamber member, we will follow up with our main contact for which vote to consider. 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. Please note, businesses and individuals are not eligible to win the same award they won last year. Voting takes place February 5th-27th, 2026.

Award	Past Five Recipients	2025 / 2026 Nominees	2026 VOTE
<p>Business of the Year Award <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">• Demonstrates economic enhancement to the area through increased employment, new products or services or by increasing visitors to the area• Has distinguished themselves from competition through new technologies and / or social media• Has provided exceptional assistance to other businesses• Has pursued educational opportunities for the purpose of the advancement of professional knowledge for self or employees• Promotes community involvement through; volunteerism, financial support and / or donations and assisting with local generous causes• Provides a needed or desired product or service to the area• Offers outstanding customer service	2021 - Festival Foods 2022 - The Bottle Shop 2023 - First State Bank 2024 – Events Everlasting 2025- Jolly Roger's Pizzeria – not eligible for 2026 nomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academy Martial Arts• Amcor New London• Bees & Blossoms Farm• Creative Elements Studio• El Tequila Mexican Restaurant• Ellis Visual Arts LLC• Ellsworth Creamery – New London• Familiar Grounds• First State Bank• Fox Communities Credit Union• Hilker Warehousing LLC• Keen's Sweet Treats LLC• Lynn Tank Agency LLC• Mid-State Asphalt LLC• New London Building Supply• Northern Belle Boutique• Northland Electrical Services• NXT Level Ultimate Sports Complex• Rasasvada• Rawhide Youth Services• Shamrock Heights Golf & Supper Club• Skeeter Emergency Vehicles / EJ Metals• Wal-Mart Store• Walker Family Veterinary Hospital• Willa Jo Photography	

<p>Chamber Service Award <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"> • Actively promotes the Chamber within the community. • Has displayed superior leadership and efforts that have made a difference in our area. • Has made a significant donation of time and talent to the Chamber • Supports the mission and goals of the Chamber • Works with area businesses and or organizations to help them achieve their goals 	<p>2021 - Tracey Johnson 2022 - Adam Kopitzke 2023 - Kim Chonos & Team 2024 – “Mooch” Barrington 2025 – Tanner Berkahn - not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Bastian • Jesse Brownson • Kim Chonos & Team • Randy Cleveland • Christine Cross • Dillon Egan • Morgan Gorges • Bob Guyette • Kristine Heise • Chad Hoerth • James Kelley • Corey Knepfel • Sarah McBeath • Lori Schneider • Brian Struck • Lynn Tank 	
<p>Community Service Award <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"> • 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 strives to improve quality of life, enriches community image, has demonstrated a sincere caring for the area, has initiated or executed a community enhancement project and finally, provides a continued donation of time and talent to the New London community. 	<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"> • Bees & Blossoms Farm • Bridge Thrift Store, The • CAP Services, Inc. / Audelina • Friends of the New London Library • Friends of the New London Public Museum • Life Over Vices Every Day • May Festival • Mission of Hope House of WI, Inc. • New London ATV Club • New London Clipper American Legion Baseball - Post 263 • New London Lions Club • New London Public Library • New London Rotary Club • New London United Methodist Church • Salvation Army Waupaca County, The • Shamrock Club of New Dublin • Small Business Development Center at UW Oshkosh • Small Business Development Center at UW Stevens Point • Thern Farm • Traumatic Brain Injury Fight for Life Team • Trinity Lutheran Church 	

Excellence in Innovation Award

This award is presented to a business or organization who has been a member of the NL Area Chamber of Commerce and:

- Has advanced working relationships within the business community
- Has become a pioneer or leader in their field of operation
- Has demonstrated significant or continuous growth in sales, service and / or employees
- Has developed a unique business concept
- Has distinguished themselves from competition through: new technologies, superior customer service and use of social media
- Provides efficient and effective service

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

- Ellsworth Creamery - New London
- GFL - Green For Life Environmental
- Griebenow Eyecare
- Hoffman Heating & Cooling Inc.
- K & Company
- Macaport, LLC
- New London Fire Department
- New London Public Museum
- NXT Level Activewear
- Rasasvada
- Rawhide Youth Services
- Skeeter Emergency Vehicles / EJ Metals
- Stalker Sports Floors
- ThedaCare Medical Center - New London
- Titan Conveyors

Quality of Life Award

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:

- Creates a unique “experience” for community members and tourists
- Draws people to our community for work or leisure
- Initiates or participates in an event or campaign that creates a “sense of community”
- Provides a product or service that enhances our area
- Significantly improves the image, character and social climate of the area

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

- Cline & Hanson Funeral Home Inc.
- Cub Scouts – Pack 3059
- Friends of the New London Public Museum
- Kwik Trip Store Northside #791
- Mosquito Hill Nature Center
- New London Aquatic and Fitness Center
- New London Area First Responders
- New London Public Museum
- NXT Level Activewear
- Radtke-Rhone Insurance Agency
- Rasasvada
- Rawhide Youth Services
- Shamrock Club of New Dublin
- Shamrock Heights Golf & Supper Club
- ThedaCare Medical Center – New London
- Thern Farm
- Walker Family Veterinary Hospital
- Wolf River Art League
- Wolf River Lanes
- Yo DJ Entertainment

New Business of the Year Award

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:

- Demonstrates an economic enhancement to the area
- Has developed a new market or niche
- Offers outstanding customer service
- Promotes community involvement through; volunteerism, financial support and / or donations and assisting with local generous causes
- Provides a needed or desired service to the community

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

- ARC Angel's
- Creative Elements Studio
- Cruz Inn Inc.
- Edy's Tacos and Birria
- Harvey's Restaurant
- Huckleberry Acres Campground
- Indian Crossing Casino
- K & Company
- Moonstone Salon LLC
- Print Shop
- Quiet World Brewing Company

<p>Beautification Award <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"> Creates an appealing environment for community members and tourists Enhanced physical characteristic of property or “brand” Has done an interior or exterior renovation of property Saw a need for a community enhancement and initiated and executed the change Supports beautification projects through the donation of time and talents and / or a financial contribution 	<p>2021 – Wolf River Art League 2022 – Cornerstone Insurance Services LLC 2023 – Thern Farm 2024 – Dragon’s Den Bar & Grill 2025 – Events Everlasting - not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bean City Bar & Grill Bees & Blossoms Farm Cruz Inn Inc. Events Everlasting Familiar Grounds Glow 24 LLC Hilker Warehousing LLC K & Company New London Parks & Recreation Northland Electrical Services / Macaport, LLC Patrick Korth Print Shop Rawhide Youth Services S.C. Swiderski Simply Skin Aesthetics Tri-County Chiropractic S.C. Water Street Vintage, LLC 	
<p>Educator / School Personnel of the Year Award <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 & Becky Marquardt 2024 – Brian Yerkey 2025- Joe Gruentzel - not eligible for 2026 nomination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Bleck Michelle Dobberstein Adam Kopitzke Tara Korth Becky Marquardt Joe Marquardt Erin Marsh Brian Mathu Ann Pinch Theresa Smith Kevin Spindler Amber Yerkey 	