CLARKSVILLE LAKE COUNTRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2026 ANNUAL AWARDS

Awards to be presented at the Chamber's Christmas Social on December 10, 7:00 pm

Overview & General Rules

The Chamber is currently soliciting nominations from members and the community for the Citizen of the Year Award, the Kathleen Walker Lifetime Achievement Award and the Business of the Year Award.

Please review the rules, award descriptions, eligibility requirements, and evaluation criteria before submitting your nominations. A separate nomination form is required for each nominee for each award.

General Rules

1. All nominees must meet the eligibility requirements for each award.
2. All nominations must include a completed nomination form and not more than 5 additional pages to describe the nominee's qualifications for the award.
3. Nominations must be received by the Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce before 4 pm on November 6, 2026.
4. Nominees from previous years are eligible for nomination. However, previous award winners are not eligible for the same award category nomination.
5. Nominees may be nominated for more than one award.
6. Each nomination form is considered one regardless of the number of signatures.
7. Each nomination must represent an original nomination, i.e. nominations and supporting documentation cannot simply be photocopied and signed.
8. A selection committee will be appointed by the Chamber president prior to the solicitation of nominations.
9. The selection committee will review the documentation submitted with each nomination and based on the evaluation criteria for each award, select the award winners.
10. The decisions of the selection committee are final and not subject to review.
11. Award winners will be announced at the Chamber's annual dinner on December 10th.

Business of the Year

The Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award recognizes a member business that has contributed to the local economy and community though job creation and/or extensive community involvement. It recognizes entrepreneurial creativity, determination and commitment to success.

The CLCCOC will present one Business of the Year Award each year. However, the chamber reserves the right to present awards as appropriate based on the nominations each year.

Potential categories include micro-business, corporation, or service/retail/manufacturing. Awards will be granted in additional categories only when an exceptional nomination is received for a business that does not receive the Business of the Year Award, but for which the selection committee unanimously agrees an award is warranted.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a member of the CLCCOC
- Must have been in business for at least three years
- Must display overall outstanding contributions to the Chamber and/or the community

Review Categories and Evaluation Criteria:

- Not all categories or criteria need be evaluated for award.
- **Contributions to community-oriented projects**·
- Listing of specific contributions of finances, time or resources to charitable causes
- Membership in councils, boards and clubs providing support and services to the community
- **Business Success**
- Number of years in business
- Description of growth in square footage occupied
- Increase in number of employees
- Increase in sales and/or unit volume
- **Innovativeness of product or service offered**
- Specific description of uniqueness of product or service
- Explanation of how product or service fits niche not being adequately addressed by the competition

Previous Recipients of Clarksville's Annual Awards

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- 2006 Virginia Avenue Mall
- 2007 Clarksville Auto Supply, Inc.
- 2008 United County Virginia Realty
- 2009 Sea Systems Group, Inc.
- 2010 Hite's
- 2011 Morningstar's Bed, Bath & Curtain Outlet
- 2012 VETS, Inc.
- 2013 Benchmark Community Bank
- 2014 Southside Marine
- 2015 Cooper's Landing Inn & Traveler's Tavern
- 2016 Sentara Halifax Regional Health Systems
- 2017 The Cottage Barn
- 2018 Talbert Building Supply
- 2019 Clarksville Furniture & Flooring
- 2020 Food Lion
- 2021 Karin Kuhn Realtor/Coldwell Banker
- 2022 Buggs Island Brewing Co
- 2023 The Pizza Pub
- 2024 Mecklenburg Electric Coop/Empower
- 2025 Microsoft

Kathleen Walker Lifetime Achievement Award

The Kathleen Walker Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual, a couple, a group or an organization that has consistently demonstrated exceptional community leadership and achievements impacting the economic vitality and/or quality of life for the Clarksville community.

Nominees should possess an outstanding record and wide scope of community involvement and service. Nominations should demonstrate:

- ☐ A significant role in enriching the lives of others over an extended period of time
- ☐ Exceptional service through multiple public service, charitable, or community groups reflecting a commitment to the Clarksville community as a whole, and
- ☐ A positive impact on the economic vitality and/or quality of life for the Clarksville community.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ☐ A member of the Clarksville residential, volunteer or business community
- ☐ A leadership role in or service to the Clarksville community in more than one area of public service, charitable organization, or community group
- ☐ Service to the community over multiple years Demonstrated impact of community service

Evaluation Criteria:

- ☐ Length of service
- ☐ Scope of service
- ☐ Significance of achievements
- ☐ Community impact of service

Previous Recipients of

KATHLEEN WALKER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2000 Frances Yager
2001 Rebecca Cary
2002 Clarksville Ruritans (Doug Jones)
2003 Mary Fran Lewis
2004 Mildred Jolly
2005 Weston & Bobby Gupton
2006 Franklin Dover
2007 Janet Jones
2008 Emma "Jackie" Lilly
2009 Harold Yuille
2010 Joe Davidson
2011 Harold Moore
2012 Jacie Roberts
2013 Lise Burnett
2014 Bill Nunn
2015 Charlie Simmons
2016 Peggy Bowlin
2017 Dale Hite
2018 Doris Ruth Winfield Hester
2019 Nancy Barden
2020 Michael Ray Lyon
2021 Cindy Hite Memorial Golf Tournament
2022 Loretta Harris
2023 Wanda Duncan
2024 Senator Frank Ruff
2025 Clarksville Fire Dept

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Citizen of the Year award recognizes and honors a community resident for outstanding leadership in the community during the previous 12 months.

Contributions may reflect service in a single organization, but the impact of the nominee's service should extend to the Clarksville community as a whole.

Eligibility Requirements:

- A member of the Clarksville residential, volunteer, or business community
- A leadership role in or service to the Clarksville community in a public service, charitable, or community group
- Extensive service to the community during the previous 12 months
- Demonstrated impact of community service during the previous 12 months

Evaluation Criteria:

- Scope of service
- Significance of achievements during the previous 12 months
- Community impact of service during the previous 12 months
- Number of nominations

Previous Recipients of Clarksville's Annual Awards

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

1999 Walt Cummings
2000 Karl Simon
2001 Don & Rebecca Hall
2002 Charlie Simmons
2003 Conrad & Peggy Bowlin
2004 Stuart & Marianne Buchanan, Benjy Burnett
2005 Jane Lyon
2006 Ed & Carol Brown
2007 Lou Zarelli
2008 Julie Buchanan Hardman
2009 Mike Denton
2010 Kevin Allgood
2011 Vicki Garrett
2012 Dr. Charles Lee
2013 Patricia Garland
2014 Barry & Betty Roberts
2015 Jim & Mona Moody
2016 Heather Hite
2017 Franklin & Carol Dover
2018 Leslie Wood
2019 Steve Herman
2020 Tina Morgan
2021 Charlotta Howell
2022 Ankur Brahmbhatt
2023 Karen Bona
2024 Patricia Charles
2025 Clarksville Community Players

2022 SHINING STAR AWARD-Linda Davenport Morton
2023 SHINING STAR AWARD-Richard Elliott
2024
2025 Tara Tuck

Corey Morgan Award

The Corey Morgan award is given to a youth who demonstrates service to the community above and beyond the call of duty as exemplified throughout the life of Corey Morgan.

Eligibility Requirements:

- A youth or young adult who has performed volunteer service in the Clarksville Community during the past 12 months

Evaluation Criteria:

- Scope of Service
- Length of Service
- Significance of achievements
- Community of impact of service
- Number of nominations

Past recipients:

1997 Tony Wilkerson
1998 In Memory of Daniel "Pomp" Easley
1999 Jaime Morgan
2000 Paul Stockwell
2001 Cassie Boyd
2002 Melinda Puryear
2003 Tanya Hite
2004 Andy Elliott
2005 Ashley Lovinggood
2006 Daniel Gregory
2015 Zach Sullivan
2016 Lex Powell
2018 Tiffany Franco
2019 Brett Bowen
2022 Cameron Shriver
2024 Lilly Beatty
2025 Buggs Island Elite Anglers

Clarksville Lake Country
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual Awards 2026
Nomination Form

I would like to nominate the following individual, organization or business for the award selected below (use a separate form for each nomination).

- ☐ 2026 Business of the Year Award
- ☐ 2026 Citizen of the Year Award
- ☐ 2026 Kathleen Walker Lifetime Achievement Award
- ☐ 2026 Corey Morgan Award

Nominee's Name: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please attach one to five additional pages explaining why this nominee meets or exceeds the award criteria.

The above is nominated by:

Your Name: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

A separate nomination form is required for each nomination. You may photocopy this form. For additional information, please contact the Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce, (434) 374-2436, director@clarksvilleva.com

Return to the Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce by 4 pm on Friday, **November 6th**, 105 Second Street.
To send by mail, have the nomination form postmarked by **November 6th**, and mail to:

Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 1017, Clarksville, VA 23927