

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017 GUIDELINES

THE AWARD

The Isle of Wight County Department of Economic Development honors one County business owner as **Entrepreneur of the Year** during the Commonwealth's annual *Business Appreciation Month* Celebration.

Previous award winners include: Lee Duncan, Wharf Hill Brewing Company (2016); Danny Hughes, The Hughes Agency (2014); Travis Latimer, Travis's Auto (2013); Mike Adams, Bon Vivant Market (2011); Kirk Ring, Ringo's Donuts (2010); Dr. Ryland Edwards, The Oaks Veterinary Clinic (2009); Tommy & Dee Dee Darden, Darden's Country Store (2008); and Carol Jordan, Sesroh Tack Shoppe (2007).

CRITERIA

New and existing small businesses with unique and/or innovative products or services are eligible. The business must have been in operation for a minimum of one year, be located in Isle of Wight County, or the Towns of Smithfield or Windsor, and be in good standing (current business license and current on any taxes owed, etc.)

JUDGING

Nominations will be reviewed by members of the Award Committee:

- Director, Isle of Wight County Department of Economic Development
- Board Member, Isle of Wight County Economic Development Authority
- Representative, Isle of Wight-Smithfield-Windsor Chamber of Commerce
- Previous year's Entrepreneur of the Year Award recipient

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee _____

Title _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Year Business was Established _____

Type of Product/Service _____

Please provide a summary of why you think this business should be considered for Entrepreneur of the Year.

List the nominee's business accomplishments and contributions to the community.

Return completed form to the address or email above no later than Thursday, May 4, 2017.