

For Immediate Release

International Falls, MN (February 17, 2025) – The International Falls Area Chamber of Commerce has announced their much anticipated annual Awards Gala is scheduled this year for Thursday, April 24th at Thunderbird Lodge. This year's awards will include the esteemed Citizen of the Year; Large & Small Business of the Year and Non-Profit/Civic Organizations of the Year.

The award requirements are as follows:

- Citizen of the Year This award will be presented to an individual whose volunteerism and outstanding service and dedication have made a significant contribution to the community.
- Large Business of the Year (20+ employees) This award recognizes businesses for their excellence and sets them apart from their peers. Business of the Year is a testament to an organization's hard work, dedication, innovation and positive impact on the community. Also, it champions positive by change by investing in it through volunteerism, donations, job creation, and economic development.
- Small Business of the Year (19 or less employees) Award requirements are the same as Large Business.
- Non-Profit/Civic Organization of the Year This recognition highlights an organization whose achievements and contributions inspire, engage, enrich and foster pride in the community to which they belong.

Nomination forms for the awards are available at the Chamber office, 301 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave; Online at www.lfallschamber.com or email a request to <u>chamberadmin@ifalls.org</u>. Instructions and qualifications will be included on the forms. Forms must be submitted by March 9, 2025.