

# NOMINATION FORM

## Grapevine Chamber Community Awards

Hosted by the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce

*Celebrating the Community Spirit of Grapevine by Recognizing Outstanding Contributions from its Citizens and Businesses*

Categories: Criteria listed on following pages of this form along with previous recipients. Use separate form for each nomination and attach any additional pages needed for nomination.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE CHAMBER BY DECEMBER 15, 2021  
200 Vine St., Grapevine, TX 76051, Or email to: info@GrapevineChamber.org

_____ D. E. Box Citizen of the Year	_____ **Business Hall of Fame
_____ Ted Willhoite Legacy Award	_____ **Member of the Year
_____ Don Ramey Community Spirit	_____ **Rising Star Award
_____ Woman of the Year	

*\*\*Nominee must be a Grapevine Chamber member investor.*

Nominees for the Don Ramey Community Spirit, Ted Willhoite Legacy Award, D.E. Box Citizen of the Year and Women's Division Woman of the Year are sought from the entire community. All award winners are selected via secret ballot by the Grapevine Chamber's Board of Directors, as well as past award winners.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

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**D. E. Box Citizen of the Year:** D.E. Box opened Tarrant County State Bank in 1919 when he moved to Grapevine. The bank eventually became First National Bank of Grapevine. In addition to serving thirty-three years as President and Chairman of the Board of the Bank, Mr. Box was active in the community. He was involved in the association responsible for getting Highway 114 built in and through Grapevine. He served on the Grapevine City Council and on the School Board. He was a member and/or leader of the Grapevine Masonic Lodge, Grapevine Lions Club and the Texas Bankers Association. This award was presented with him as the first recipient following his death and now annually in honor of his time and dedication to this community. **Anyone nominated for this award should be an individual who has voluntarily and sincerely given of their time and leadership working to improve the economic, civic, and cultural well-being of the Grapevine community. The CHAIR of the Chamber of Commerce shall not be eligible for selection. The nominee should be either a Grapevine resident or a member of the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce for five years prior to nomination.**

2020- Gayle Hall, 2019 – Kevin McNamara, 2018 – Bruno Rumbelow, 2017 – Darlene Freed, 2016 – Shonda Schaefer, 2015 – Debi Meek, 2014 – Janice Kane, 2013 – Gary & Cynthia Blankenship, 2012 – Rocky Gribble, 2011 – Neva Frymire, 2010 – Burl Gilliam, 2009- Duff O'Dell, 2008/09-Sandra Kay Tate, 2008-Joe & Balla Wright, 2007-Rodney & Peggy Smith, 2006-Dennis Roberts, 2005-Mark Stanfield, 2004-P. W. McCallum, 2003-Melva Stanfield, 2002-Jerry Pittman, 2001-Ted Ware, 2000-Cecelia Cunningham Box, 1999-Ken Johnson, 1998-Bernice Hatcher, 1997-Gary Blagg, 1996-Kathee Livengood, 1995-Phil Parker, 1994-Ted Willhoite, 1993-Drs. Ed & Minnie Lee Lancaster, 1992-Bob Burrus, 1991-Clydene Johnson, 1990-Jack Dortch, 1989-Roy Stewart, 1988-Don Armstrong, 1987-Marion Brekken, 1986-Jim Hancock, 1985-Sharon Taylor, 1984-Lynn Eggers, 1983-Riney Jordan, 1982-Sue Franks, 1981-Mike Davis, 1980-Aulton Mullendore, 1979-Doil Dalton, 1978-Jake Greener, 1977-E. A. Preacher Florence, 1976-William D. Tate, 1975-Mr. And Mrs. Bill Yancey, 1974-Pat Stinson, 1973-Dr. Don Gershick, 1972-Madeline Hemley, 1971-Bill Powers, 1970-Mrs. Tip Johnson, 1969-Bill Reed, 1968-Dr. O. C. "Mike" Taylor, 1967-J. R. "Jim" Armstrong, 1964-Dr. Ira E. Woods, 1958-Joe Clark, 1957-D. E. Box

**Business Hall of Fame:** A Grapevine Chamber of Commerce member and long time area business that has made outstanding contributions not only to the Grapevine Chamber but to the community as well. The business should have been organized as a business (sole proprietor, partnership or corporation) for not less than five years and be easily accessible to area residents. No distinction shall be made between locally owned or outside owned businesses as long as all other criteria are met. The business need not be physically in the city limits of Grapevine as long as it is a member in good standing of the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce and serves the Grapevine trade area. The business must subscribe to fair and honest business practices and strive to promote Grapevine to the surrounding Grapevine trade area. The owner/manager must have shown co-operation toward Grapevine Chamber projects and activities, as well as being supportive of city programs and civic group activities. The owner/manager will have also encouraged employees to be active in Grapevine Chamber programs and civic activities that resulted in visible benefits to the city.

2020- Wright Construction Company, 2019 – Sloan & Williams Winery, 2018 – Mac's on Main, 2017 – Lucas Funeral Home, 2016 – Grapevine Mills, 2015 – Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center, 2014 – Classic Chevrolet/The Thompson Group, 2013 – NJ Graphic Design, Inc., 2012 – Panda Embroidery, 2011 – Esparza's Restaurante Mexicano, 2010 – Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, 2009-Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, 2008/09-Fox Rental, 2008-Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center, 2007-Bank of the West, 2006-Stacy Furniture, 2005-Structures and Interiors, Inc., 2004-Jon Michael Franks, Attorney, 2003-Wright Development Co., Inc., 2002-Lifetime Benefits Insurance, 2001-Southern Refractories, Inc., 2000-Box Insurance Agency, 1999-Dennis Electric, 1998-Mike Davis Insurance Agency, 1997-Payton-Wright Ford, 1996-Roy Stewart Properties, 1995-Classic Chevrolet, 1994-Grapevine Truck Leasing, 1993-Super Shuttle DFW, 1992-Blagg Tire & Service, 1991-Guest Furniture, 1990-The Grapevine Sun, 1989-Willhoite's Restaurant, 1988-Burrus Supermarket, 1987-Mesco Metal Buildings, 1986-American Bank of Commerce, 1985-Off Main Street Gallery, 1984-Jack Dortch Insurance, 1983-First National Bank of Grapevine

**Ted Willhoite Legacy Award:** Ted Willhoite was a business and civic leader, education supporter and historical artist. He was a charter member of the Grapevine Lions Club, which was the organization that started the Grapevine Chamber. The city's present house-numbering system and the first corner street markets were bought and installed by the club. Ted was a Main Street business leader for 43 years, including partnering with his father at Willhoite's Garage. He was devoted to the Grapevine Public School District, serving on the School Board from 1945 – 1963. He was an election judge and served on the Housing Authority Board. He was a charter and lifetime member of the Grapevine Heritage Foundation. He used his artistic talent to leave a history in paintings of early school buildings as well as hand drawn maps of the late 1800s and early 1900's. **For nominees, this award recognizes an individual(s) for their lasting personal contribution resulting in the culmination of an enduring legacy that has made a lasting impact on the community of Grapevine. This award recognizes distinguished individuals who are champions of responsible change, who possess a pioneering spirit, or demonstrates inventiveness to inspire and educate others.**

2020- Wanda & Gary Blagg, 2019 – Gary & Cynthia Blankenship, 2018 – William D. Tate, 2017 – Curtis & Linda Ratliff and Jan Smith Luers, 2016 – Jon Michael & Sue Franks, 2015 – Rick Stacy & Ron Stacy, 2014 – Lou Hillman, 2013 – Shane Wilbanks, 2012 – Tricia Wood, 2011 – Janice Kane, 2010 – Phil Parker, 2009-Roy Stewart, 2008/09-Clydene Johnson, 2008-Ted and Gloria Ware, 2007-Harland and Inez Jewett, 2006-Mary Virginia Simmons, 2005-Dr. Ed Lancaster, 2004-Ted Willhoite (posthumous)

**Don Ramey Community Spirit Award:** Don Ramey was a supporter of GRACE and was known for his willingness to help those in need. Don was known to help those in the community with donations to charity groups and loans, or to provide a job to a person in need. Don Ramey collected about 3,000 photos of his customers and celebrities. He was trying to break a world record for the most photographs in wooden frames in a restaurant. **Nominees should be individual(s) that over a period of time have contributed outstanding leadership and devotion to the community. Recipients must be a resident of Grapevine or own or manage a business in Grapevine. The individual(s) should strive to promote the community as a wonderful place to live and work. They should exhibit fair and honest business practices and should be a respected leader/leaders in the community. They should be recognized as an outstanding ambassador for Grapevine.**

2020- Julia Sizemore, 2019 – Steve Haley, 2018 – Grapevine Fire Department, 2017 – Eddie Salame, 2016 – Bruno Rumbelow, 2015 – Dennis Luers, 2014 – Duff O’Dell, 2013 – Theresa Mason, 2012 – Chris Reyher, 2011 – Shelley Ruddick, 2010 – Rocky Gribble, 2009- Dennis Slechta, 2008/09-Pam & Lee Roy McCain, 2008-Edith Pewitt, 2007-Gayle Hall, 2006-Kathee Livingood, 2005-Izak Gregory, 2004-Don Bigbie, 2003-Martin Thompson, 2002-P. W. McCallum, 2001-Bill and Kathrine Brink, 2000-Bill Powers

**Member of the Year:** A Grapevine Chamber of Commerce member and has exhibited outstanding contributions to the Grapevine Chamber, City of Grapevine and Civic organizations during the past year. The business should have been organized as a business (sole proprietor, partnership or corporation) for at least one year and be easily accessible to area residents. No distinction shall be made between locally owned or outside owned businesses as long as other criteria are met. The business need not be physically in the city limits of Grapevine as long as it is in good standing of the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce and serves the Grapevine trade area. The business must subscribe to fair and honest business practices and strive to promote Grapevine to the surrounding Grapevine trade area. The owner/manager must have shown co-operation toward Grapevine Chamber projects and activities, as well as being supportive of the city programs and civic group activities that resulted in visible benefits to the city of Grapevine.

2020- Baylor Scott & White Medical Center- Grapevine, 2019 – Grapevine Mills ,2018 – Esparza’s Restaurante Mexicano, 2017 – John Mayfield of Wilhoite’s, 2016 – Wise Guys Pizzeria, 2015 – Frost, 2014 – GRACE, 2013 – Panda Embroidery, 2012- Allied Waste / Republic Waste Services, 2011 – Blagg Tire & Service, 2010 – Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, 2009-Classic Chevrolet/The Thompson Group, 2008/09-Verizon, 2008-Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, 2007-Classic Chevrolet Hummer, 2006-Bank of the West, 2005-Paradise Cove at Lake Grapevine, Inc., 2004-Integrated Digital Solutions, 2003-Structures and Interiors, Inc., 2002-Stacy Furniture and Berkey’s Heating Plumbing and Air Conditioning

**Women’s Division Woman of the Year:** This prestigious honor recognizes a woman who has distinguished herself through outstanding involvement benefiting the community of Grapevine. The nomination may recognize service from any past years.

2020- Susie Howell, 2019 – Amanda Calongne , 2018 – Jan Smith Luers, 2017 – Marci Junge, 2016 – Dottie DiiBon, 2015 - Pam Price, 2014 - Carolyn Lease, 2013 - Idell Bowker, 2012 - Paula Wilbanks, 2011 – Helen Jean Lucas Reed, 2010 - Shelley Ruddick, 2009 - Jane Chevier, 2008 - LuAnn Gatts, 2007 - Wanda Blagg, 2006 - Balla Wright, 2005 - Linda Troeger, 2004 - Kathy DeMaggio, 2003 - Linda Mills, 2002 - Edith Pewitt, 2001 - Cindy Barnes, 2000 - Sarah Cloud, 1999 - Gayle Hall, 1998 - Melva Stanfield, 1997 - Joan Stewart, 1996 - Peggy Smith, 1995 - Juneria Berges, 1994 - Neva Frymire, 1993 - Sue Franks, 1992 - Duff O’Dell, 1991 - Lynn Eggers, 1990 - Marion Brekken, 1989 - Mary Virginia Simmons, 1988 - Suz-Ann Moore, 1987 - Linda Oliver, 1986 - Kathee Livingood, 1985 - Jerre Harrell, 1984 - Jodi Mauldin, 1983 - Clydene Johnson, 1982 - Starr Frank, 1981 - Pat Stinson, 1980 - Sharon Taylor, 1979 - Suellen Hall, 1978 - Chisai Childs Lindsey, 1977 - Norma Henderson, 1976 - Alberta Nettleton, 1975 - Zena Oxford

**Rising Star Award:** This award is to recognize an emerging leader/individual or business who has been an active member of the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce for a minimum of two years. It is to be presented to recognize their actions and activities that consistently exemplify enthusiasm, commitment, professionalism and leadership. Their contribution to the future of the Chamber and community is evident even in the short time they’ve been a part of this organization and they encourage others to become involved through their example.

2020- Kindal Wright Kreamer, 2019 – Theresa Mason