

## *The Award Criteria . . .*

### **Business Hall of Fame (Choose up to 2)**

Recognizes businesses that have operations in Blair County for at least 25 years. These businesses must demonstrate overall stability, resiliency and ability to respond to changes within the market in Blair County facilities, employment increases and or stability in Blair County, and increases in customer radius from Blair County operations. They are cited for their business accomplishments and stand apart from their competitors. For the purposes of application, businesses should have completed their 25<sup>th</sup> year of business in 2022.

### **Excellence in Small Business (Choose 1)**

This category provides public recognition for the accomplishments for those employing 50 or fewer. This category requires at least a ten-year track record in Blair County demonstrating growth, stability, leadership and civic involvement. For the purposes of application, businesses should have completed the minimal 10 years of business in 2022.

### **Young Emerging Business (Choose 1)**

Citing up-and coming businesses, “home grown” in Blair County within the last six years that have made a measurable impact in the community in a relatively short period of time. Applicants will be judged on their growth and development during the second to fifth year only. For the purposes of application, businesses started after January 1, 2019 will be considered for the award.

### **Non-Profit of the Year (Choose 1)**

This category honors Blair County Non-Profits and their employees for outstanding service not only in voluntary capacities, but generally contributing to the betterment of their communities.

## **Specialty Awards**

### **Sustainability (Choose 1)**

This category has been created to recognize a company or organization for demonstrating sustainability within the workplace. Any initiative defined by a triple bottom line of profits, people and planet that results in a positive contribution to the business can be considered for this award. For the purpose of this application, businesses will be judged on their achievements during a period covering January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

### **Safety Excellence (Choose 1)**

This category has been created to recognize Blair County businesses for their commitment to employee and community safety. The awardee will be recognized for their safety track record over the past five years, the success of their current safety initiative and their employee’s involvement in the safety programs. This application has been modeled in part after OSHA’s Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP). To determine if an employer is eligible for admission the company’s Days Away, Restricted, or Transferred (DART) rate and Total Recordable Case (TRC) rate. Safety will include all aspects of workplace and employee safety. To be eligible the company must have been in business in Blair County for at least five years, with the fifth year of business ending, December 31, 2022.

### **Technology (Choose 1)**

This category has been created to recognize Blair County businesses for developing or implementing technology products, or solutions that have an impact on methods of doing business, ways of controlling costs, etc. Any technology undertaking that results in a positive contribution to the business can be considered for this award. For the purpose of this application, businesses will be judged on their technology during the period covering January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

### **Wellness (Choose 1)**

This category has been created to recognize a company or organization for demonstrating wellness within the workplace. Any initiative to improve wellness in the workplace can be considered for this award.

***Businesses honored are not required to be a past or present member of the Blair County Chamber.***