

## CATEGORIES:

### **A Better Bakersfield**

An annual event or project that greatly improves the quality of life in Bakersfield.

### **Architecture & Design**

The completion of an innovative new building or space, showcasing an outstanding interior or exterior design that harmonizes with its environment.

### **Arts & Culture**

Efforts by a group or individual to enrich and elevate arts and culture within the Bakersfield community.

### **Urban Core**

An individual, business, or coalition working to make downtown Bakersfield safer, more vibrant and economically thriving.

### **Educational Excellence**

An Educator, project or institution advancing educational opportunities and achievement across all levels in the community.

### **Health & Wellness**

An individual, group or organization going beyond their normal activities to promote healthy living through education, prevention or medical services.

### **Heart of Hospitality**

Exceptional team members in lodging, food & beverage, events, travel and recreation who go above and beyond to deliver outstanding guest experiences and contribute to service excellence.

### **Humanitarian Individual**

An individual whose personal volunteer efforts have significantly impacted the community.

### **Humanitarian Group**

A group whose dedicated volunteer work has made a meaningful difference in the lives of Bakersfield residents

### **Emerging Nonprofit**

A nonprofit organization (1-10 years old) who made a significant impact on the community through its grassroots initiatives.

### **Nonprofit of the Year**

Honors a nonprofit organization for its significant and lasting impact on the community.

### **Small Business of the Year**

A small business (25 employees or fewer) whose contributions, products, or services instill pride and benefit the community.

### **Large Business/Corporation of the Year**

A business recognized for its substantial impact through volunteer work, donations or community engagement.

### **Next Gen**

A young individual or group (grades K-12) with exceptional citizenship and community involvement.

### **Young Professional**

An individual (ages 18-40) whose contributions have significantly enhanced the quality of life in Bakersfield.

### **Business Person of the Year**

A local business owner/manager whose efforts truly impact and enhance the quality of life in the community.

### **Harvey L. Hall Lifetime Achievement Award**

A local, long-time community leader, age 55 and over, who has made a lasting impact on Bakersfield and its residents.

**Nominations must be for work completed in 2025 to be eligible for consideration.** No more than two nominations per individual, business or organization will be considered.

**Nomination Deadline: Friday, February 13, 2026**