

# Chamber Awards Criteria and List of Past Winners



## **Citizen of the Year**

Honors a significant contribution (lifetime or long-time) to the community.

## **Business of the Year**

Honors an established Franklin/Carlisle/Township-area business for its contributions to the community. Significant changes, such as expansions or employment, may also signify eligibility for the award. Non-profit organizations are eligible for this award.

## **Industry of the Year**

Honors an established Franklin/Carlisle/Township-area industry for its contributions to the community. Significant changes, such as expansions or employment, may also signify eligibility for the award.

## **Thirkield Award**

Recognizes a commercial, industrial, or non-profit organization's renovation project that contributes to the Franklin/Carlisle/Township-area image.

## **Eldridge Award**

Recognizes an individual, group, or organization that preserves an aspect of Franklin/Carlisle/Township-area history, such as a historic building, downtown history, stories of historic figures, oral tradition, etc.

## **Eva Louise Polley Award** (formerly the Perry Maxwell Award; renamed in 2022)

Recognizes an individual, group, or organization that contributes a feeling of goodwill in the community.

## **Ron Diver Friend of Education Award (new in 2022)**

Recognizes an organization or individual who actively supports public education in the Franklin/Carlisle/Franklin Township-area (note: this is not for someone employed by the public schools).

**Note:** The winners are at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Award winners are announced prior to the ceremony with the exception of Citizen of the Year and President's Awards.

Criteria were updated in 2018 to better reflect the eligibility of Carlisle-area individuals and organizations. In 2022, the Maxwell award was renamed the Eva Louise Polley Award and the Diver Award was added.

Nominate online using the QR code.

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**Citizen of the Year**

1957 De. W H. Siegfried  
1958 Howard L Cheney  
1959 No Award  
1960 Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly  
1960 Milo Fealy  
1962 SC Alexander  
1963 Father Nicholas Schneider  
1964 No Award  
1965 Robert Timberlake  
1966 William C. Good  
1967 Donald House  
1968 Kyle Cook  
1969 Eva Louise Polley  
1970 JT Riley  
1971 Dr. Jean A Nock  
1972 Dr. and Mrs. Orville Layman  
1973 Dr. and Mrs. HS Gessner  
1974 J. Stuart Tattershall  
1975 Joe Baxter Jr.  
1976 Vincent D. Bryant  
1977 Philip Robison  
1978 William J. Taylor  
1979 Warren Young  
1980 Shelby Middleton  
1981 Florence Berger  
1982 Dr. John E. Sharts  
1983 CE Brandenburg  
1984 Charles Maloney  
1985 Don Sellman  
1986 James L. Gross, Sr.  
1987 Bernard Eicholz  
1988 James Mears  
1989 Jess Hollingsworth  
1990 Dr. Jack Litle and James D. Ruppert  
1991 Dr. Paul Kennedy  
1992 Jerry L. Myers  
1993 Rupert E. Ruppert  
1994 Thomas R. Foley  
1995 Jack B. Tracy  
1996 Clarence McDade  
1997 Al Porter  
1998 Rev. Chuck Wolfenbarger  
1999 Phyllis Darragh  
2000 Paul Hillard  
2001 Jan Truesdell  
2002 Billy D. Estes  
2003 Elmo Rose  
2004 Wilburn DePew  
2005 Tom Combs  
2006 Liz Buchanan  
2007 Harriet Foley  
2008 Mark Kennard and Bob Knipper  
2009 Rita Maschmeier

2010 Bob Turner  
2011 Sonny Lewis  
2012 Kenny Allen  
2013 Chris Musgrave  
2014 JoAnn Feltner  
2015 Mildred Brown  
2016 Dr. Rick Chamberlain  
2017 Martha Bush  
2018 Bob and Janette Alexander  
2019 Tami Chamberlain  
2020 No award; pandemic  
2021 Jonathan Westendorf

**Business of the Year**

1970 Cincinnati Gas & Electric  
1971 Ohio Bell Telephone  
1972 No award  
1973 Black & Clawson  
1974 Meeker & Meeker Insurance, Inc.  
1975 Kinney's Dine Bar Café  
1976 Stone Container Corp.  
1977 Cheney Pulp & Paper Co.  
1978 Eldridge Publishing Company  
1979 Lake Jewelry  
1980 Gross Lumber Company  
1981 Georgia Pacific  
1982 Color Pac, Inc.  
1983 Huntington National Bank  
1984 R. L. Drake Company  
1985 The Franklin Chronicle  
1986 Laynecrest Lanes  
1987 Conover Hardware  
1988 Earle's Super Valu  
1989 Warnock's Ashland Oil  
1990 Parker's Dry Cleaners  
1991 Eaton Anderson Funeral Home  
1992 Oak Hill Banks  
1993 Dr. James Stewart  
1994 Estes Oil Company  
1995 Turner's Clip Joint,  
1996 Zink Meat Market,  
1997 Mr. Frosty  
1998 Franklin Chronicle  
1999 Sleep-Tite Mattress  
2000 Pisanello's Pizza  
2001 Gymnastic Training Center of Ohio  
2002 Community National Bank  
2003 Franklin Family Clinic  
2004 JD Legends/Strike Zone Lanes  
2005 Southwestern College  
2006 Conover Health Plus  
2007 Kingdom Sports Center  
2008 Marsh Grocery  
2009 Senior Independence  
2010 Anderson Funeral Home  
2011 JD Legends/Strike Zone Lanes  
2012 Designing Digitally, Inc.  
2013 Franklin Savealot  
2014 AAA Wastewater  
2015 Franklin Self Storage  
2016 Franklin-Springboro Public Library  
2017 A&G Pizza  
2018 Lake Erie Electric  
2019 Carlisle Dairy Queen  
2020 No award; pandemic  
2021 Carlisle Manor Healthcare

**Industry of the Year**

1992 Union Camp  
1993 Walter F. Stephens  
1994 Riverview Packaging  
1995 Ferco Tech  
1996 Miami Valley Paper  
1997 IKO  
1998 F&G Multi-Slide  
1999 SRS Manufacturing  
2000 UniFirst Corporation  
2001 No award made  
2002 Faurecia Exhaust Systems  
2003 Bond Machine Company  
2004 Burrows Paper Corporation  
2005 Dayton Daily News PTC  
2006 General Engine Products  
2007 Riverview Packaging  
2008 Waytek  
2009 Richards Monument  
2010 Franklin Boxboard  
2011 Atrium Medical Center  
2012 VRI  
2013 Patriot Machining and Maintenance  
2014 Gross Lumber Company  
2015 Huhtamaki, Inc.  
2016 F & G Tool and Die  
2017 UniFirst Corporation  
2018 Pfizer, Inc.  
2019 Greenpoint Metals  
2020 No award; pandemic  
2021 Atrium Medical Center

### **Thirkield Award**

*(renovation of an industrial or commercial building)*

1992 Bill Shera  
1993 Waffle House  
1994 Laynecrest Bowling Center  
1995 Dollar General Store  
1996 No award made  
1997 The Staver Group  
1998 Adesa Cincinnati Dayton  
1999 Savage Auto  
2000 Aloha Tanning  
2001 Williams Travel  
2002 Subway  
2003 IKO Production  
2004 City of Franklin  
2005 Pisanello's Pizza  
2006 Architectural Reclamation  
2007 Huntington Bank  
2008 Franklin City Schools  
2009 Landmark Kitchen and Bath Shoppe  
2010 Cazadores  
2011 Franklin Ridge Healthcare Center  
2012 Huntington Bank  
2013 Franklin Parkside Townhouses  
2014 Franklin Tavern and Anderson Life  
Celebration Center (2)  
2015 No award  
2016 Peoples Bank  
2017 Aviation Ground Equipment Corporation  
2018 A & S Party Rental  
2019 The Bank: Tattoos and Body Piercing  
2020 No award; pandemic  
2021 The Farm on Central

### **Eldridge Award**

*(historical preservation)*

1992 St. Mary Church  
1993 City of Franklin  
1994 Tom & Marsha Gardner  
1995 No award made  
1996 Franklin Historical Society  
1997 Paula & William Moses  
1998 First United Methodist Church  
1999 Geoff Gorsuch,  
2000 Helen F. Siegle  
2001 Tim & Ellen Birchwell  
2002 No award made  
2003 Jenny Stewart  
2004 Joyce & Bob Ehlert  
2005 Tom and Sara Burns  
2006 Junior Historical Society  
2007 PH Bistro  
2008 Franklin Area Historical Society  
2009 Jeff Kirby  
2010 Eric Henn  
2011 No award  
2012 Judy and Bob Bowman  
2013 Geoff Gorsuch  
2014 No award  
2015 Eva Lousie "Weesie" Polley  
2016 Ramesh Malhotra  
2017 Harriet Foley  
2018 No award  
2019 Bob Bowman  
2020 No award; pandemic  
2021 Mike and Dawn McKinney

## **Perry Maxwell Award**

*(promotes feeling of goodwill throughout the community)*

1992 Franklin Square  
1993 Ray Hendricks  
1994 Dallas Whitt  
1995 Elaine Smith  
1996 Mary Beth Shane  
1997 Phil Achtermann  
1998 Wilburn DePew  
1999 Paul Hillard  
2000 Susie Mears and Frisch's  
2001 Chris Musgrave  
2002 Franklin Public Library Board of Trustees  
2003 Jerry Ragland  
2004 Phyllis Clark  
2005 Drew Mantel  
2006 Franklin Athletic Foundation  
2007 Mary Novak  
2008 Bob and Janette Alexander  
2009 Nancy Osborne  
2010 Terry Coyle  
2011 Jim Wahlrab  
2012 Franklin-Springboro-Carlisle Rotary Club and  
Franklin High School (2)  
2013 Citizens for Youth  
2014 Deardoff Senior Center & Jonathan Westendorf  
(2)  
2015 Franklin High School Boys Basketball Team  
2016 Downtown Farmers Market Committee  
2017 Officer Steve Dunham  
2018 Fraternal Order of Orioles Nest 263  
2019 Project HOPE  
2020 No award; pandemic  
2021 Craig and Kim Harris

## **President's Award**

*(service to community or chamber)*

1973 Bernard Eichholz  
1974 Don Sellman  
1975 Paul E. Fitzgerald  
1976 Fred D. Pursley  
1977 Margaret G. Ingabrand  
1978 No award made  
1979 Howard Harville  
1980 James Reynolds  
1981 Milo Fealy  
1982 Denver Redman  
1983 Phyllis Darragh  
1984 Mabel Eldridge/ Harriet Foley (FGMV)  
1985 Jean Burns Bowman  
1986 John Aregood  
1987 Supt Al Porter  
1988 Philip Jackson  
1989 Monica Gabbard Rhude  
1990 Franklin Band Boosters  
1991 Arthur Harp  
1992 Jo Ann Feltner  
1993 Dick Norvell  
1994 Thom Shera, Mike Smith, Larry Fisher  
1995 No award made  
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1997 John Renick, Larry Fisher, Thom Shera  
1998 Stan Kolb, Jerry Ragland  
1999 Sonny Lewis  
2000 Mary Novak  
2001 Community of Franklin  
2002 Bob Johnson  
2003 Bill Wood  
2004 Harriet Foley  
2005 Rick Chamberlain and Ron Ruppert  
2006 Darrell Hedric  
2007 Dan Darragh  
2008 Jim Mears  
2009 Cherie Cooper-Darragh  
2010 Charles Woods  
2011 Steve Simpkins  
2012 American Legion Post #149  
2013 Ohio State Trooper Brent Hill  
2014 Dan and Lynn Darragh  
2015 WesBanco  
2016 Carlisle Lions Club  
2017 Joe Jeromos and Peggy Darragh-Jeromos  
2018 Mary Nenninger  
2019 Jim Mears  
2020 No award; pandemic  
2021 Franklin City Schools and Carlisle Local Schools