

# Categories



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**REMEMBER!** Users can only nominate once per category. Only the top five (5) businesses with the most nominations in each category will advance to the voting phase.

## Dates to Remember

Nomination Phase: January 20 - February 5

Voting Phase: March 3 - March 19

Results Publication by Group & Category:  
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### Best In Automotive

- Best Auto Collision Repair
- Best Auto Dealership / New
- Best Auto Dealership / Used
- Best Auto Parts/Accessories Store
- Best Auto Repair Shop
- Best Auto Salesperson
- Best Car Wash/Auto Detailing
- Best Lube & Oil Center
- Best Tire Store
- Best Window Tinting/Glass Repair

### Best in Beauty & Fitness

- Best Barber Shop
- Best Day Spa
- Best Esthetician
- Best Fitness Center/Gym
- Best Hair Salon
- Best Massage
- Best Nail Salon
- Best Tanning Salon

### Best in Foods & Dining

- Best Asian Food
- Best Bakery (Donuts/Pastries/Cakes/Cookies)
- Best Breakfast
- Best Burger
- Best Catering Company
- Best Dessert
- Best Family Restaurant
- Best Fish & Chips
- Best French Fries
- Best Gluten Free Dining
- Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt
- Best Italian Food
- Best Mexican Food
- Best Outdoor Dining
- Best Pizza
- Best Pub Grub
- Best Sandwich Deli
- Best Seafood
- Best Server (First/Last Name & Workplace)
- Best Steakhouse

- Best Taco
- Best Vegetarian/Vegan
- Best Wings
- Restaurant with the Best Service

### Best in Drinks

- Best Bar
- Best Bartender (First/Last Name & Workplace)
- Best Local Coffee Shop
- Best Local Craft Brew
- Best Local Winery

### Best in Health & Wellness

- Best Assisted/Senior Living/Nursing Home
- Best Audiology/Hearing Aids
- Best Chiropractor
- Best Chiropractic Clinic
- Best Dentist
- Best Dental Practice
- Best Dermatologist/Skin Care
- Best Holistic/Alternative Med.
- Best Hospital/Medical Center
- Best In-Home Health Care Provider
- Best Medical Professional Assistant
- Best Medical Supplies
- Best Optometrist/Ophthalmologist
- Best Orthodontist
- Best Orthopedic Doctor
- Best Pediatric Dentist
- Best Pediatrician
- Best Physician
- Best Podiatrist
- Best Speech Therapist

### Best in Home Services

- Best Carpet Cleaning Company
- Best Electrical Company
- Best Flooring Company
- Best Hardware Store
- Best Heating and Cooling Company
- Best Lawn Service/Landscaping Company
- Best Nursery/Garden Center
- Best Mattress Store
- Best Nursery/Garden Center

- Best Painting Contractor
- Best Restoration Company
- Best Residential/Commercial Cleaning Service
- Best Roofing Company

### Best in Community

- Best City
- Best Customer Service
- Best Employer (under 50 employees)
- Best Employer (over 50 employees)
- Best Hotel (Place to Stay)
- Best Local Art Gallery
- Best Locally Made Product
- Best New Business (All Categories open under 1 year)
- Best Non-Profit/Charitable Cause/Event
- Best Place of Worship
- Best Place to Volunteer
- Best Local Private School
- Best Local School
- Best Teacher (First/Last Name & School)
- Best Community Event

### Best in Entertainment & Recreation

- Best Beach
- Best Casino
- Best Coast Lodging
- Best Golf Course/Driving Range
- Best Local Park
- Best Museum
- Best Place for Kids Birthday Party
- Best Recreation Destination
- Best Theater

### Best in Financial

- Best Accounting Firm/Tax Service
- Best Attorney (Firm Name)
- Best Bank/Credit Union (Branch Location)
- Best Commercial Property Management
- Best Financial Planner

- (First/Last Name & Workplace)
- Best Insurance Agency
- Best Insurance Agent (First/Last Name & Workplace)
- Best Law Firm
- Best Mortgage Company
- Best Property Management
- Best Real Estate - Commercial
- Best Real Estate Agent (First/Last Name & Workplace)
- Best Real Estate Team/Company
- Best Tax Preparation
- Best Title & Escrow

### Best in Merchant & Retailer

- Best Antiques
- Best Arts & Crafts
- Best Book Store
- Best CBD/Cannabis Dispensary Store
- Best Clothing
- Best Flower Shop
- Best Grocery Store
- Best Gun Shop
- Best Jewelry Store
- Best Local Market
- Best Meat Market
- Best Movies & Music Stores
- Best Natural/Health Food Store
- Best Pawn Shop
- Best Sporting Goods/Outdoor
- Best Thrift/Consignment Shop
- Best Toy/Hobby Store

### Best in Pets

- Best Doggy Day Care/Pet Boarding Facility
- Best Pet Grooming
- Best Pet Store
- Best Veterinary Clinic

### Best in Services

- Best Business to Business Service
- Best Commercial Printing Company
- Best Child Care Provider
- Best Employment Services
- Best Funeral Home

