



2024 LCP Awards Ceremony

The Lake County P.E.A.R.L.S. (LCP) Award Ceremony recognizes outstanding residents in Lake County, Illinois who demonstrate consistent and exceptional service to the community. LCP celebrates individuals who have made tremendous strides in the uplift of Lake County's underserved communities with an emphasis on service to the community, enhanced growth, academics, and healthcare.

The Lake County P.E.A.R.L.S, Incorporated (Partnering to Empower, Advance and Restore through Leadership and Service) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to make a positive impact by offering enrichment programs and services to improve literacy, economic empowerment, health and well-being of citizens of Lake County, IL.

Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award

Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award (OWE) is a prestigious recognition given to women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and success in the field of entrepreneurship. The award aims to celebrate and honor the achievements of women who have made significant contributions to their industries and communities. The OWE award seeks to recognize and celebrate the achievements of women who have overcome challenges, broken barriers, and achieved success in entrepreneurship. It aims to inspire and empower other women to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams and make a positive impact in the business world.

Candidate Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Lake County, IL
- Demonstrated leadership and vision in building and growing a successful business or venture
- Proven innovation and creativity in developing products, services, or solutions
- Current impact and influence in their industry or community
- Experienced business growth and/or success
- Made contribution to the advancement of women in entrepreneurship
- Committed to ethical business practices and social responsibility

Candidate Eligibility:

- Must be a woman who owns and operates a business, either as a founder or co-founder of a for-profit or non-profit entity
- Must have owned and operated the business for at least three years
- Must have a proven track record of success and accomplishments in their industry
- Must be able to demonstrate leadership, innovation, and impact in their business
- Must be nominated or recommended by peers, colleagues, or industry professionals
- Must be willing to participate in award ceremonies, events, and media engagements related to the award

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Candidate Submission Materials:

Candidates must submit 500 words or less with examples and evidence of strong entrepreneurial work herstory and community involvement. The write-up must include the following:

1. Define the business (mission, product and service offerings, customer base, target audience, years in business, and geography served)
2. Describe any philanthropic activities performed by the company from Jan. 1, 2023 – Mar. 31, 2024
3. List any collaborations with other companies or community-based organizations to realize the philanthropic activities
4. Include any company awards, milestones, and/or accomplishments within the last five years
5. Explanation of why the candidate deserves the award

Selection Committee

The winner of the OWE Award will be selected by an independent body comprised of residents of the Lake County community with knowledge of the community's needs.

Submission Deadline

April 19, 2024, at 11:59 PM CST. The materials must be submitted through the Awards Portal [here](#), or copy and paste this link into your browser, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCP-OWE-Award>