

Champions of Healthcare Awards 2026

Nomination Form - Deadline: May 5, 2026



The Manatee Chamber of Commerce's 12th Annual Champions of Healthcare Awards will be presented at a breakfast event at The Grove Ballroom on Thursday, June 18, 2026. The awards will recognize the collective actions of the individuals, institutions and programs that have made an extraordinary impact in the Manatee County healthcare community and whose acts reflect dedication to excellence in their area of expertise beyond the scope of their profession.

Tell us who you are nominating:

This nomination is for an:

Individual

Business

Non-Profit Organization/Institution

Governmental Institution

Program

Contact Name _____

Title _____ Postnominals: _____

Business/Organization _____

Program Name (if applicable) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Web Address (if applicable) _____

Nominator Information (Your Information):

Name _____

Title _____

Business/Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

If you are nominating yourself or your own organization/program, please share an additional name for us to communicate with. This way, if selected, we can attempt to surprise you.

Name: _____ Email: _____

The information provided through this nomination is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Nominator

Date

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Award Categories



Physician or Dentist

Nurse – Nurse, Nurse Practitioner

Allied Health Professional – A non-physician/non-nurse care or health service provider, including Behavioral and Mental Health, Physician Assistant, Educator, Health Care Administrator, Department Head, Allied Health Professional, EMT, PT, OT, etc.

Individual of Merit – Board Member, Philanthropist, Journalist, Government Official, Company or Foundation Executive, Community Leader.

Institution/Program – Hospital, Business, Non-Profit Organization, Government Agency, School, or a program within one of these institutions.

Innovation/Research – Any person or institution whose work within the field of bioscience/medicine has resulted in a breakthrough or major development in medicine or the medical/health sciences.

Adult Volunteer – Any adult who voluntarily offers one's services without solicitation or payment for the betterment of the health of people in our community.

Youth Volunteer – Any student, under age 19, who voluntarily offers one's services without solicitation or payment. A scholarship check will be awarded to the winner of this category.

Lifetime Achievement Award – This award is designed to honor an individual who, over his or her lifetime, has made a significant impact or changed history in the health care industry in Manatee County. The judges reserve the right to consider all nominated individuals, regardless of category, for this award.

Nomination and Submission Instructions

Please provide a **500-word (maximum) passionate description** of the nominee's achievements, contributions and impact and how these achievements go above and beyond the scope of the nominee's job/mission to qualify them to receive a Champions of Healthcare Award. This explanation and description by the nominator will be the primary consideration of the judges in selecting finalists and winners. This narrative may highlight achievements/contributions such as (but not limited to):

- Leadership, mentoring or service to others
- New or improved processes impacting care
- Measurable gains or impact of care or services
- In-kind or financial contributions within the community
- Patient satisfaction, advocacy or improved quality of life
- Measurable impact within our community to people and/or policies

Supplemental materials (e.g. news clippings, testimonials, photographs, etc.) may be provided but must be in an 8.5" x 11" format (e.g. no loose photographs or note cards). Supplemental materials are limited to a maximum of ten (10) 8.5" x 11" pages.

Please **PRINT or SCAN** completed pages of this nomination packet, with up to ten (10) 8.5" x 11" pages of supplemental information, and **submit by May 5, 2026** to:

Manatee Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Champions of Healthcare Nomination

- **via email to TonyaK@ManateeChamber.com**
- **via mail to:** P.O. Box 321, Bradenton, FL 34206-0321
- **via hand-delivery to** either Chamber office - Bradenton or Lakewood Ranch

Nominees' Achievements/Contributions/Impact

500-word maximum, plus up to 10 pages of supplemental materials

Nominees' Achievements/Contributions/Impact Continued...

Award Guidelines

- An independent panel of judges seated by the Chamber's Healthcare Committee will be responsible for reviewing all nominations and selecting the finalists and winners. The Lifetime Achievement Award winner and Youth Volunteer award winner will be announced prior to the Awards Breakfast. For all other categories, up to three finalists will be announced prior to the Awards Breakfast with the winner being announced at the event.
- Judges may consider nominations in additional categories beyond the original submission.
- Nominees should be individuals, businesses, organizations and programs whose achievements impact the quality of health and healthcare in Manatee County.
- Past awards winners are not eligible in the categor(ies) in which they won previously unless new achievements/impact have been documented/submitted.
- Current Chamber employees, Chamber officers, and Healthcare Awards judges as individuals are not eligible for the awards. Healthcare Award judges as individuals are also ineligible to submit nominations for any award category.
- Judges must disclose any relationships with individuals, businesses, organizations or programs that are nominated, and will appropriately be recused from voting in a particular category(ies) in the event of a conflict of interest.
- All nominees will be notified that they have been nominated.
- All finalists will be 1) notified that they have been selected as a finalist and 2) will be asked to submit a photo (portrait style). These photos will be used for the program materials as well as the videopresentation to be shown at the event.
- Nominators whose nominees have been selected as winners may be scheduled to appear on a video describing the qualifications and contributions of the candidate. The video will be shown at the Awards event.
- One winner in each category will be announced at the event.
- The Chamber reserves the right to not bestow an award in a category if sufficient nominations are not received.
- Nomination forms and accompanying materials become the property of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce.

Questions?

Please contact Tonya Kida at 941-748-4842, ext. 122 or TonyaK@ManateeChamber.com.