

2017 Business Recognition Program Guidelines

OVERVIEW:

The Business Recognition Program was created for the purpose of giving formal recognition to those Coral Springs businesses that have contributed to the economic well-being of the City and have demonstrated a commitment to the vitality of Coral Springs's business climate.

Note: This recognition is characterized as symbolic in nature and carries with it no encumbrances or promises of special consideration in other business dealing with the City of Coral Springs, but should be regarded as a special honor of gratitude on the part of the City and the citizens of Coral Springs.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

Any business located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Coral Springs is eligible to be nominated for an award. Businesses must have no outstanding taxes or license fees due to the City.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:

The criteria used to select businesses for City recognition is listed below:

- **Innovative business*** (e.g. creative ideas, unique services, product or company)
- Creation of new full-time and part-time jobs
- Proven tax generator
- Proven longevity and history of doing business in Coral Springs
- Significant business growth over the prior year
- Exceptional customer service as indicated by their customers
- Proven contributions to the enhancement of the community and/or locally operating charities (examples include school mentoring programs, employee volunteerism, job/skills training programs, etc.)
- Significant renovation or improvements to existing structures
- Construction of new permanent buildings, highlighting quality office and retail space
- Business demonstrating significant green business practices

*Newly created criteria in 2017

NOMINATION:

Self-nomination is encouraged.

Nominations may be submitted by completing the nomination form (hard copy or online). For further information about the Business Recognition Awards Program, please contact the following or send your nomination to:

Coral Springs Economic Development Office
City of Coral Springs
9551 W. Sample Road
Coral Springs, FL 33065

E-mail Yuu Soubra: ysoubra@coralsprings.org
Phone: (954) 346-6996
Fax: (954) 344-1184

CITY RECOGNITION INCLUDES (but not limited to):

- Site tour of the winning business by the City Commission
- Presentation of plaque at a City Commission meeting
- Acknowledgment in City's publications and on City's social media and website

STRUCTURE:

Nominations may be made by anyone for any business within the municipal boundaries of the City of Coral Springs. All nominations are to be submitted to the Economic Development Office by filling out the provided nomination form. The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) will vote on nominations submitted to select the business that best meets the given criteria. Nominations will be reviewed by the EDAC annually and Awards will be formally presented by the Mayor at regularly scheduled Coral Springs City Commission meetings. Businesses and individuals who are selected will receive an Economic Development Plaque of Recognition, and are not eligible for more than one such award per calendar year.