

Award Categories

1. Pasco Establishment Award

- a. This award will recognize a business that has recently been established in Pasco County and is demonstrating substantial progress and/or the potential for a significant community impact.

2. Economic Excellence Award

- a. This award will recognize a Pasco County business that has made a commitment to improving the overall economic health and quality of life in Pasco County, creating a diverse workforce, and providing exceptional value to customers, all while demonstrating ingenuity, integrity, and leadership.

3. International Achievement Award

- a. This award will recognize a Pasco County business that has demonstrated outstanding achievements in international relations, global leadership, or export growth.

4. Innovation in Workforce Development Award

- a. This award recognizes a Pasco County company or employer that has made a significant impact on workforce development in Pasco County and demonstrates a commitment to building a strong talent pipeline.

ADDITIONAL AWARD CATEGORIES:

5. SMARTstart Entrepreneur of the Year (nominated internally, based on program participation)

This award will recognize an entrepreneur who has engaged in numerous SMARTstart programs. Through their experiences and education, they have turned their passion into a thriving business. Nominees will be scored based on company growth, SMARTstart involvement, and community impact as a leading start-up.

6. Special Contribution (Used in special circumstances as determined by committee, non-profits considered) - This award recognizes a Pasco County business who has gone above and beyond their typical mission to solve an issue, create an opportunity, or provide extraordinary support in our community.

2024 Award Winners

