

# Tourism Awards Nomination Form

Hastings County is hosting its seventh annual Tourism Awards program (formerly known as the HOTie Awards) to give recognition to the significant achievements made by tourism businesses, organizations and individuals within Hastings County.

Winners will be announced at the Tourism Awards Celebration on Friday November 23rd at the Marble Arts Centre in Tweed, On. Tickets to the Tourism Awards Celebration will be on sale through EventBrite from November 1st to November 20th.

## Hastings County Tourism Awards

The Hastings County Tourism Awards were created to give recognition to the tourism businesses, organizations and individuals who have made significant achievements from September 2017 - August 2018. Categories for awards include:

- 1) Champion of the Year
- 2) Festival of the Year
- 3) MVP (Individual) of the Year

An organization and/or individual may nominate themselves and/or another business, organization and/or individual. Nominees must be located and/or operate within Hastings County's 14 member municipalities (excluding Belleville and Quinte West).

## The Nomination Process

1. The nomination period is open from September 5th until September 26th. A nomination form must be submitted in order to be considered. Businesses and organizations can self-nominate for the Tourism Champion and Festival of the Year awards.
2. Once the nomination period closes, nominees will be contacted to accept their nomination and they will need to complete a questionnaire specific to the award category they are nominated for, by October 19th to be considered a nominee.
3. A panel of judges made up of professionals from the tourism industry will review the nominees and their submissions throughout October and November, and will select a winner for each of the three categories.
4. Winners will be announced at the annual Tourism Awards Celebration Friday, November 23rd in Tweed, On.

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## Tourism Award Category

Champion of the Year

Festival of the Year

MVP of the Year

### Champion of the Year:

- Must be a business or organization whose products/services support tourism, and has actively enhanced and supported (by partnerships, collaborations, activities, projects and involvement in local initiatives) the tourism industry in Hastings County.

### Festival of the Year:

- Must be an event whose primary audience is visitors from outside Hastings County, and has demonstrated enhancements that have made the event more successful compared to previous years.

### MVP of the Year:

- Must be a volunteer or staff member who demonstrates significant dedication to the organization associated, proving to go above and beyond their roles and responsibilities.
- The submitting organization must be able provide details on how the nominee demonstrates dedication to organizations they support and why they are deserving of the MVP of the Year award.

## Nominee Information

Nominee Name / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitting Organization Information**  Same contact information as above

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: Nominations must be submitted by 4:00pm Wednesday, September 26**

## How to submit a nomination?

Nominations can be submitted using one of the following options:

- complete the online nomination form at [www.hastingscountyawards.com](http://www.hastingscountyawards.com)
- complete a hard copy form and send a copy by email to [tourism@hastingscounty.com](mailto:tourism@hastingscounty.com)
- complete a hard copy form and send a copy by fax to 613.966.7654

For additional assistance or if you have questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Carly Freeman at 613.699.6712 x4012.