

Criteria for Circle of Excellence Awards

Large Business (30 + employees)

Substantial history as an established, successful business in the Saline Area; demonstrates a commitment to the overall economic health & productivity of the Saline Area; demonstrates a commitment to provide customers exceptional service; firm commitment to ethical & fair business practices reflective of the Chamber's high standards; demonstrates contribution to the betterment of the community through volunteer involvement. In good standing with the Saline Chamber of Commerce.

Small Business (29/fewer employees)

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Rising Star (SACC member 2 years or less in business 5 years or less)

SACC member for 2 years or less, in business for 5 years or less, substantial impact in industry & community in a short time, an abundant potential for future achievements, demonstrates a commitment to the overall economic health & productivity of the Saline Area; demonstrates a commitment to provide customers exceptional service; firm commitment to ethical & fair business practices reflective of the Chamber's high standards; demonstrates contribution to the betterment of the community through volunteer involvement. In good standing with the Saline Chamber of Commerce.

Visionary Award

The recipient usually focuses on innovation, forward-thinking ideas, leadership in shaping the future, transformative impact on their field or society, and the ability to inspire others to think differently or envision new possibilities. It often recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional creativity, foresight, and a commitment to push boundaries or challenge the status quo.

First Responder

The recipient has worked and/or served (Fire, Police, EMS) in the Saline Area in 2025; provided a significant service above and beyond their job description to the Saline Area during 2025; showed a dedication to public service, exemplary performance in emergencies, community impact, and commitment to the well-being and safety of others. These individuals are often recognized for their selflessness, professionalism, and ability to manage challenging and high-stress situations effectively.

Youth of the Year Award

City of Saline Youth Council ("SYC") Presents the "YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD". This prestigious award recognizes a Saline Area School District resident in grades 7-12 who has made a positive impact in the community in 2025.

Please help recognize teens that make a positive impact in the community by nominating an outstanding young person from the Saline area.

Questions? Email Sunshine Lambert: slambert@cityofsaline.org

Nomination deadline: Monday, March 16, 2026

Required: completed online nomination form with minimum one additional letter of recommendation preferably from a teacher, school administrator, coach or community leader.