



Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce's

40th Anniversary

Gala Awards Nomination

**Les Townsend
Community Service
Award**



The Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce (CBCC) is a member-based organization that supports the retention and expansion of black-owned businesses, while promoting and advocating the importance of diversity in the workplace. The CBCC is committed to providing opportunities for business economic growth, professional/organizational development, and networking for its member companies and key stakeholders throughout the State of Colorado. We encourage nominations for those who exemplify innovation, proven leadership, and dedicated service in the following categories:

- ▶ **Small Business of the Year Award**
- ▶ **Corporation of the Year Award**
- ▶ **Non-Profit of the Year Award**
- ▶ **Les Townsend Community Service Award**

The Gala Award recipients will be honored during the Gala Anniversary dinner and will be celebrated on October 25th, 2025, at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center.

Selection Criteria for all Award Categories

- ☐ Priority will be given to nominees who are members in good standing with the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce (CBCC).
- ☐ Priority will be given to nominees who have demonstrated excellence in their area of expertise and a commitment to uplifting the Black community.
- ☐ Honorees will be selected by a selected panel of judges which include community stakeholders and CBCC Board of Directors.
- ☐ CBCC reserves the right to eliminate any award category if no nominations are submitted for that category.
- ☐ CBCC reserves the right to eliminate any nomination that is incomplete, has insufficient documentation or does not fit the approved award criteria

All Nominations forms should contain **detailed information with specific examples and any relevant documentation to support nomination** to be reviewed for each category as requested. Final selections will be based solely on the information submitted **by June 13, 2025 @ 11:59pm**.

Please mail nominations to: **Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce**
 444 Sherman Street
 Denver, CO 80204

Or email the nomination to: dr.angelic.cole@cbcc.biz

You are welcomed to make copies and distribute the nomination forms. If you have any questions, or need assistance with the nomination form, please don't hesitate to call the CBCC Office at 303-831-0746.



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Honoring an individual whose legacy of exceptional service and dedication has profoundly impacted the Colorado black business community. Please fully complete the nomination form. If more space is needed, you may provide separate sheets on standard-size paper. **All Nominations forms should contain detailed information with specific examples and any relevant documentation to support nomination. SELECTION WILL BE BASED SOLELY ON INFORMATION SUBMITTED.** Please fill in the form by typing in the information and email form to dr.angelic.cole@cbcc.biz, print it out to fill in manually and send it to the address shown on the cover page. Be sure to print legibly or type the document.

The Les Townsend Community Service Award is being awarded to coincide with the celebration of the CBCC 40th Anniversary. The award was established to recognize an individual that has contributed a lifetime of service to the African American community through mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs, advocating for small business owners, being a community collaborator and an unwavering trail blazer within the African American business community.

Les Townsend Community Service Award

Name of Nominee: _____

Title/Position: _____

Name of Business / Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address and Telephone Number: _____

Please provide a complete and detailed description of the nominee's activities of advocacy, mentorship, collaborations, sponsorships, and engagement within the black community. Submit any documentation that outlines any obstacles overcome, examples of innovative programs or services involved in that are positively impacting the minority community, and relevant awards & honors that the individual has received in the past 3 years.



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Why does this business executive deserve to win the Award? (completed by nominator only)

Nominator's Name: _____
Nominator email and phone number: _____
Relationship to Nominee: _____