



A Texas Midwest Community Network Program
“2017 COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD”
Current Award Recipients: Bronte, Early, Eastland, Eden, Menard, & Strawn

Communities having satisfactorily completed the six categories listed below will be recognized as *Community Achievement Award* recipients at the Annual Texas Midwest Conference in October.

- Representatives of the community will be honored at the annual conference
- Media recognition will be coordinated by TMCN
- Specially designed artwork will be presented for use at the discretion of the designated city

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Applications for the Community Achievement Award are provided through the TMCN Office.
- Applications should be concise – one page if possible (**detailed overview of planning process, beautification programs and student projects are NOT necessary**)
- Deadline to submit application is **AUGUST 1ST**
- A TMCN Committee will review applications and verify that categories have been completed satisfactorily

The Award will be valid for three years, after which, the city can re-apply to maintain the designation.

CATEGORIES for SELECTION:

Vision

A community-based planning process has been conducted within the previous three years. The planning process has identified the goals, activities and programs the community plans to complete or conduct for the purpose of addressing concerns for local economy and quality of life issues. The goals, activities and programs are prioritized and assigned to specific community organizations for action or implementation.

Pride

Beautification and/or clean-up has been addressed through a local organization or city ordinance. A plan of action for beautification has been developed and is being carried out OR city ordinances for clean-up have been established and are being enforced.

Youth Involvement

School age citizens are serving on city-sponsored committees, chamber of commerce committees, working as volunteers with civic groups, or are involved in community activities through the guidance of school personnel. A minimum of 6 students are involved in any or all of these adult groups.

Connectivity

The community has a web site that has been updated within the calendar year of the award presentation. The site is linked to sites of other organizations and businesses within the community. The site is linked to the Texas Midwest site and other significant regional and state sites.

Business Participation

Local business is supportive of the application. An endorsement from at least one local business must be included which describes the community's support in creating a business friendly atmosphere for success.

Assessment

The community has been visited by 2 or 3 neighboring community representatives (arranged through the TMCN office) on a “windshield tour” for visual assessment and interviews with local citizens and business employees for community attitude and perception assessment. A report completed by the visiting representatives and submitted to the TMCN Office is delivered to the host community.



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APPLICATION (**deadline is AUGUST 1st**)

Award Designation Period 2017 to 2020

City _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Organization submitting application _____

PLEASE SUBMIT INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE SHEET USING THE NUMERICAL SEQUENCE BELOW... KEEP ANSWERS CONCISE... WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR LENGTHY EXPLANATIONS. MORE DETAIL WILL BE REQUESTED IN THE SECOND LEVEL OF AWARDS – APPLICATION FOR THE “ALL-STAR COMMUNITY” AWARD” IS AVAILABLE ONCE YOUR CITY HAS RECEIVED THE “COMMUNITY OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD”.

1) **Date** of Community-Wide Planning Session (**must have been conducted within the past three years**)
Planning Session participants should represent organizations in the community that have resources such as staff and/or budgets that can address goals, activities & programs identified at the session. **Include** the **PRIORITIZED** list of goals, activities & programs identified at the Planning Session including the local organization assigned to address the goal, activity or program.
Total number of citizens that participated in the planning session and organizations represented at the planning session:

2) Briefly explain the **beautification committee** or **clean-up ordinance** in your community. (Include when it was initiated and the name & phone number of contact person that oversees the committee or ordinance)

3) School age citizens who serve on local committees or projects (minimum of 6):

Name	Age or school grade	Committee/project on which they serve
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4) **Address of community web site** _____

Approximate number of local businesses linked to site _____

5) **Business Participation** – Endorsement of a local business (100 words or less) from at least one business person describing the community’s support in creating a business friendly atmosphere for success

6) Include **one page of photos** in application with no more than 5 photos on the page depicting the criteria listed above.

7) **To be completed by TMCN Office:**
Date of assessment visits to community _____