



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR  
Kevin Thomas

## 2022 Award Programs

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Dear Neighbor,

As a member of the New York State Senate, I have many opportunities to honor excellence in our State.

Each year, the New York State Senate gives special recognition to New Yorkers who have contributed significantly to their communities in the areas of:

- Community Involvement
- Leadership
- Local Business
- Public Service
- Military Service
- Acts of Bravery & Heroism

If you know someone from the community who goes above-and-beyond in service to others, I encourage you to nominate them for consideration. To learn more about the various New York State Senate Awards Programs available for 2022-2023, click the dropdown menus below.



I look forward to highlighting some of the outstanding residents who have truly made a difference for our Long Island community.

Sincerely,

Senator Kevin Thomas

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Senator Kevin Thomas invites you to nominate a local business or institution to be considered for recognition from the New York State Senate!

Every year, Senator Kevin Thomas honors a select few local businesses and organizations that demonstrate unique vision, innovation, volunteerism, philanthropy, and achievement in support of our community. Over the years, the scope of the New York State Empire 'Excellence in Business' Award has grown to acknowledge businesses and organizations that have directly contributed to New York State's economic resilience and success. To view some past winners from across the state, [click here](#).

Senator Kevin Thomas is seeking nominees for the 2022 New York State 'Excellence in Business' Empire Award. The Senator will consider local businesses who meet *any* of the following criteria:

- **A Business or Institution That Gives Back:** A business whose acts of volunteerism, leadership, philanthropy, and innovation elevate our community and make it a better place for everyone to do business, work, and live.
- **A Family-Owned Small Business:** Nominees must serve as a majority owner & operator or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with at least a 15-year track record that has been passed down through one or more generations.
- **A Veteran-Owned Small Business:** A business that is at least 51% veteran-owned with a successful track record and a commitment to strengthen veteran-owned businesses within the community.
- **A Woman or Minority-Owned Small Business:** A business that is at least 51% women-owned with a successful track record and a commitment to strengthen woman-owned businesses within the community or any individual who qualifies as a minority and who owns at least 51% and operates a small business with a 3-year track record and a commitment to strengthen minority-owned businesses in the community.



Please note that Empire 'Business Excellence' Awards can only be awarded to businesses within the Senator's District. [Click here to review your business address.](#)

Awardees will be notified of their selection by mail and email.

[Click here to nominate a local business!](#)