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## **Applications now being accepted for diverse business award**

DAYTON, Ohio - The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is now taking applications for the next [Premier Health Workplace Diversity Award](#), which recognizes companies that foster an inclusive work environment.

Winning businesses, such as Premier Health, the award's namesake, have created a culture within their workspaces that encourage all employees to contribute their ideas. The chamber believes these businesses find innovation and success by fostering different perspectives and experiences.

"The chamber believes welcoming diverse backgrounds and thought in the work environment are crucial to true business success," said Chris Kershner, president & CEO, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. "This belief is outlined in the chamber's core values and is integrated into the way in which we support the Dayton region's business community."

Since 2006, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and the National Conference for Community & Justice of Greater Dayton (NCCJ), have awarded organizations and companies that foster this inclusive work environment. In 2017, what was then known as the Greater Dayton Workplace Diversity Award, was renamed to honor the award's first winner, Premier Health.

Last year, [the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce awarded CANARY Consulting the Premier Health Workplace Diversity Award](#). CANARY's approach to diversity, equity and inclusion is rooted in the culture of the business, which is important for fostering inclusivity.

The Premier Health Workplace Diversity Award is an important tool for area businesses to benchmark and learn best practices, especially at a time when more and more business leaders are committing themselves to intentional inclusion. Awards such as this provide a platform for organizations that are making strides in this arena, and allow others to take away lessons for continuous improvement.

**Applications for the Premier Health Workplace Diversity Award can be found at [DaytonChamber.org](#). They must be submitted by January 29, 2021 to be considered.**

### **About Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce**

*The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce brings together more than 2,200 businesses and organizations in a 9 county area surrounding Dayton, Ohio. The Chamber strives to improve the region's business climate and overall standard of living through public policy advocacy, economic development initiatives and providing networking and training opportunities for its members. Nationally awarded with "5-Star Accreditation" from the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Chamber is widely recognized for its innovative programs and outstanding contribution to positive change in the region. Information about the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is available at [daytonchamber.org](http://daytonchamber.org) or 937-226-1444.*

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