This annual award, sponsored by the Forum for Ethics in the Workplace, recognizes and celebrates responsible corporate conduct based on objective criteria and measures as judged by an independent panel of experts. The award is presented each September at the Forum’s ethics breakfast meeting.

**Who is eligible for this award?**

The competition is open to any for-profit company in any industry located in Eastern PA. Awards will be presented in two categories:

- “small” company (< 500 employees)
- “large” company (> 500 employees)

**What are the criteria for judging the award?**

Companies will be evaluated on the basis of their demonstration of best practices in terms of

- responsible financial operations
- compliance with the law, in letter and spirit
- accountability of both management and employees, and
- corporate social responsibility.

**What is the selection process for the award?**

Anyone may nominate a company for consideration simply by contacting Lori Koch at the Forum’s award office: by email to ethics.workplace@desales.edu or by phone to 484-244-4684.
Any company wishing to be considered for the award must submit an application package according to the published guidelines. The nominee must provide information relative to

- an executive commitment to business ethics
- an illustration of the company’s ethics program
- evidence of ethical business practices in the company’s operations, and
- examples of the company’s commitment to stakeholders

An independent panel of judges – drawn from business, academia, public service, or other sectors of the Greater Lehigh Valley – will assess each nomination and provide recommendations. The Board of Directors of the Forum for Ethics in the Workplace will select the recipient of the award(s).

Further information and relevant forms are available on the Forum’s web site (linked here).