

# T.H. SCOTT

## AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



The Thomas H. Scott Award of Excellence is presented to companies who have demonstrated a commitment to Ouachita Parish by creating jobs, making capital investment in machinery, equipment or building and participated in worthwhile community projects, both corporately and by management and employees.

An award panel of distinguished judges made up of involved citizens and community leaders will choose 5 winners, one in each of four categories. The categories are:

- Small (1-10 employees)
- Medium (11-50 employees)
- Large (51-100 employees)
- Corporate (Over 100 employees)
- Non-Profit Organization

To be eligible, a company must be located in Ouachita Parish. Winners and finalists will be announced and honored at the Thomas H. Scott Awards of Excellence Reception on Thursday, May 15th, at the Monroe Civic Center, B.D. Robinson Conference Hall.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible, a company must have initiated or made progress on an expansion in employment, capital investment, or facilities during the 2024–2025 calendar year. Additionally, the company must demonstrate involvement in enhancing the Ouachita Parish community. This engagement may take the form of employee initiatives, management leadership, corporate involvement, or community service.

### **NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

The nomination form should be filled out completely and legibly. Any company may nominate more than one candidate or nominate themselves. Incomplete nomination forms will not be considered.

The judges may request additional information from nominees or nominators. The decision of the judges is final. The nomination forms and supplementary information become the property of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA – JUDGING BASED ON SPECIFIC CRITERIA LISTED BELOW:**

**10 points** – Job Creation/Retention of Existing Jobs – The nominee created permanent new jobs in Ouachita Parish and/or Prevented loss of existing jobs.

**10 points** – Capital Investment/Facility Expansion – The nominee either expanded its present facility or built a new facility or the nominee purchased machinery/equipment and made capital investments demonstrating a desire and commitment to continue to operate in Ouachita Parish and keep any jobs created during the expansion.

**10 points** – Community Involvement/Impact – The company has been a good corporate citizen of the community through corporate donations, sponsorships of events, scholarships, etc. In addition, the company supports and encourages employee involvement with volunteer organizations and the owners and key managers support volunteer organizations with their time, talent or through financial support.

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Completed nominations must be in the Monroe Chamber Office by 5 p.m. **April 25, 2025**. Complete nomination forms provide information we need to introduce your business. Incomplete nomination forms will not be considered.

- CRITERIA:**
1. Business opened, relocated, expanded, or had expansion in progress during 2024 or 2025
  2. Growth factors that will be considered: capital investment, building, or job creation/retention
  3. Community involvement

## COMPANY DATA

*Important - Include data for Ouachita Parish **only***

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Established \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Company \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Number of Full-Time Employees \_\_\_\_\_

Please reply to the following questions (You may add up to an additional 5 pages- Please limit to Ouachita Parish information only):  
**Please print legibly.**

I. Describe in detail your business, including any historical highlights.

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II. (Existing Business) Describe your facility growth in 2024/2025 (include Jobs, Capital Investment, Locations, other).

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IIA. (New Business) – Describe your business and the impact of opening -(include Jobs, Capital Investment, Locations, other).


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III. Describe your company's contributions to the community through personal time and/or donations.

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IV. Please provide any further information, personal or professional, which you feel is important to this nomination.

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Question V. Why did you choose or why do you choose to do business in Ouachita Parish?

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Please attach any other additional information relevant to this nomination.

A representative from your company must attend the Thomas H. Scott Awards of Excellence Reception on Thursday, May 23rd at Bayou Pointe on the campus of the University of Louisiana Monroe. We will recognize your representative and ask them to receive a nomination award for your company. The company representative will be:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_

*The representative's ticket is complimentary. Additional tickets for the T.H. Scott Award Ceremony may be purchased for \$50 each.*

For questions or additional  
information, contact: The Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
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