

# FELA AWARD NOMINATIONS

All members are encouraged to submit a nominee to receive the **2009 FRANK E. LOW AWARD**, the Chamber's highest honor accorded to an individual for distinguished community service.

The FELA Award will be presented at the Annual Dinner Dance on January 24th, 2009. **Nominations must be received at the Chamber office by December 2nd, 2008.** The official nomination form is on the reverse of this criteria sheet.

Remember, the FELA Judging Panel reserves the right to not name a winner if, in their opinion, no nominee is equal to or exceeds the quality of life exhibited by previous winners.

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The individual should be known by many people or groups to have made a verifiable contribution to the quality of life in the greater McHenry area whether or not that contribution impacts directly on the Chamber of Commerce. If the impact has been to benefit people then the individual is eligible to be considered.

He/she provided inspiration that will have also sparked other people to become intensely involved in efforts to assist the community.

The recipient's generosity will go beyond that of providing funds alone, for programs. The person will have been directly responsible for developing, or supporting programs that touch lives.

The Frank E. Low Award winner will reflect an abiding interest, and an overriding desire to have had a hand in serving humankind.

The individual will have been constant in setting new goals as countless opportunities to continue to serve people in the community are discovered.

There may have been involvement in establishing goals for community development- and seeing them followed through to fruition.

The recipient is then dedicated to the mission of improving opportunities for all people and the emotional, physical and social environment in which they live.

To receive recognition, the nominee must have demonstrated faith in the same value systems that have challenged dedicated community leaders like Frank Low.

The Frank E. Low Award winner has demonstrated stewardship and is an individual held in high status and respect by his or her peers.

The individual should have been involved in positive community work for more than three years, thereby establishing a consistent pattern of public service.

Individuals may be nominated by relatives, co-workers, fellow organization members, friends or those simply interested in the work of the candidates. All nominations will be kept confidential at all times. No candidate will be considered unless the nomination is received with an official form, filled out in full, with reasons stated.

It should be both the objective and subjective judgment of each year's judging panel whether or not a candidate is deserving of this award, basing their choice on tangible evidence, discussion and final voting.

*Submit completed form to the McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce, 1257 N. Green Street, McHenry or by fax at 815-385-9142.*

