

11th
ANNUAL

EXTRAORDINARY
BANKING
AWARDS
2026

The Only Award Proven to Dramatically Increase
Both Growth and Profitability



OFFICIAL NOMINATION APPLICATION

Your competitors are reading this too.
The question is who applies first.

THE ONLY AWARD

Proven to Dramatically Increase Both Growth and Profitability

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The first year we won, we grew more than we had in the previous 8 years combined.



— P. Steele, CEO, Builtwell Bank
2014 Extraordinary Bank of the Year™ Award Winner
2015 Institute for Extraordinary Banking™ Hall of Fame Inductee

Hundreds of Banks Will Apply. Many Will Win... Will Yours?

Unlike other awards with just one winner, the Banky Awards recognize multiple disciplined, results-oriented banks across the country.

Who Should Apply?

The banks that almost didn't apply are the ones that win most often.

Not because they were perfect—none of them were. But because they made a decision to build the kind of institution that competes on discipline instead of rate wars.

If your team is

- Intentionally growing core deposits
- Strengthening performance culture
- Improving NIM through strategy rather than desperation

the Banky was built to recognize exactly that.

The standard is not best-in-class. It is serious-about-building. If that is your bank, stop waiting.

NOMINATE YOUR BANK NOW

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 20, 2026.

Apply now at BankyAwards.com or submit the enclosed application.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUR BANK?

MORE CUSTOMERS. MORE CREDIBILITY. MORE PROFITS.



MASSIVE PR EXPOSURE

Featured in financial news, social media, and industry press



VIP ACCESS

2 VIP tickets at an exclusive discount to The Best Banks in America™ Super Conference



From All Banky Winners, One Bank,
The Extraordinary Bank of the Year™,
Will Receive...



A NEW CAR

Fully wrapped in your branding



JOHNNY'S AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

In your school district—funded in your bank's name.



HOW TO APPLY:

Get Your Application At BankyAwards.com

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION TODAY!



HOW WINNERS ARE CHOSEN

- 1 Banks are scored based on culture, customer service, financial education, philanthropy, and innovation.
- 2 Mystery shoppers evaluate the real customer experience.
- 3 A complimentary culture survey (valued at \$10,000+) is conducted—15 minutes per employee, with 75% staff participation required.
- 4 Top-scoring banks become finalists, with category winners selected.

CEOs who have been through this say the application forced a conversation their bank had been putting off for years. The **questions made them write down what they actually believed about their bank's direction—and commit to it in front of their team. Most of them say that alone was worth it, before they ever heard the results.**

Finalists must be present at the event, where the audience and independent judges vote for the winner!



When we started coming to the Banky Awards in 2017 and heard all the stories of how great these banks are, **never in our world would we imagine that we would be here today being inducted into the Institute for Extraordinary Banking Hall of Fame.**



— C. Holland, CEO, Farmers State Bank of Alto Pass
2022 Extraordinary Bank of the Year™ Award Winner
2023 Institute for Extraordinary Banking™ Hall of Fame Inductee

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT

The Best Banks in America™ Super Conference

The Only Elite Conference Designed for Results-Oriented
Banks Aspiring to Reach and Stay in the Top 5%



September 22-23, 2026



Atlanta, GA



BestBanksInAmerica.com

- ★ Discover exclusive growth strategies from top banks.
- ★ Gain VIP access to network with elite banking leaders.
- ★ Limited spots available for nominees only.
- ★ This event delivers two years' worth of ideas in just two days.

BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



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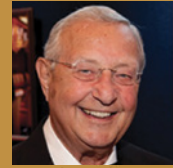
Jack Canfield



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Brian Tracy



Bob Danzig



Jeffrey W. Hayzlett

Roxanne Emmerich, with celebrity emcee, Yakov Smirnoff



CULTURE

Patti Steele, Extraordinary Banking 2015 Hall of Fame recipient, shares how she transformed to a performance culture at First Volunteer



TAKING RESULTS SERIOUSLY

While the event maintains a classy atmosphere where results are taken seriously, some also bring a lighthearted approach.



SHARING

Executives share their best secrets that make their banks stand out



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TOP QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARY BANKING AWARDS

What Is a Banky™ Award?

The Banky™ Award is the only national recognition built specifically for community banks competing on performance rather than size—evaluated blind, mystery-shopped without warning, with no way to buy your way in.

For the banks that earn it, the award becomes the answer to the question every prospect eventually asks: why should I bank here instead of somewhere else? Now you have a third-party answer they cannot argue with—and your competitor does not have it.

What Awards Are Given?

Hundreds of banks will apply, and dozens will receive a Banky Award, signifying their excellence in banking. Twenty select banks will be recognized as category finalists in their respective asset classes, in each of these five categories:

- Thank God It's Monday!™ Culture Banky™ Award for Outstanding Workplace Culture
- Above-and-Beyond Customer Service Banky™ Award
- Money Smarts Banky™ Award for Financial Education
- BanksGiving™ Banky™ Award for Philanthropy
- Thought Leadership Banky™ Award

Three elite banks will be selected as finalists for the Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award.

Each will present their accomplishments on stage at the awards. Then the judges and audience of top-performing bankers will vote to choose this year's Extraordinary Bank of the Year.

What Do the Winners Receive?

Banky Award winners receive an award, a red-carpet photo op, and a complete PR / Marketing kit. They also receive two VIP tickets at an exclusive discount to The Best Banks in America Super Conference and Extraordinary Banking Awards Ceremony.

Category winners receive all of the above, plus special recognition as a category winner. The Extraordinary Bank of the Year Winner receives a NEW CAR—yes, really—wrapped with the winning bank's logo, announcing their win. Plus, a donation to Johnny's Ambassadors Program in the winning bank's local school district—established in the bank's name to empower student leaders and create a lasting impact in the community.

If you win, the car is yours to keep... forever.

What's the Catch? Is There Some Hidden Fee to Participate?

I get your skepticism, but there are NO hidden fees to nominate your bank.

Where Is the Awards Ceremony Held?

The Awards are a part of The Best Banks in America Super Conference hosted by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™ in Atlanta.

Why Would I Want to Win a Banky™?

Unlike most banks—which think differentiation means lofty platitudes like “we have great customer service” or “our people make the difference,” you know that you need extreme, meaningful differentiation from your competitors.

Rate competition has a ceiling. There is always someone willing to go lower. The only way out of that game is to become the kind of institution customers choose before they check the rate.

Winning a Banky gives you the proof to do that—not marketing language, but third-party validation your competitors cannot replicate and your prospects cannot dismiss.

The cost of watching a competitor earn that proof while you waited is not.

Who Judges the Awards?

A panel of three independent judges, as well as thought leaders, reviews all the applications and selects Banky winners, category finalists and winners, and the three finalists for the Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award.

The identities of the judges are concealed until the awards ceremony to prevent banks from lobbying them.

What makes this award legitimate—how do I know it's not pay-to-play?

Independent judges—whose identities remain concealed until the night of the ceremony—are used specifically to prevent lobbying. A mystery shopper evaluation is conducted that your team will never see coming. A culture survey requires at least 75% staff participation, because you cannot coach that many people to say the same thing.

There is no fee. There is no relationship that gets you in. There is no way to game it—and that is the whole point.

An award you can buy is not worth hanging on the wall.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TOP QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARY BANKING AWARDS

What Are the Dates of The Best Banks in America™ Super Conference and Extraordinary Banking™ Awards?

The Best Banks in America Super Conference is September 22-23, 2026.
The Awards are the evening of September 23rd.

What Happens After I Apply

Apply by May 20, 2026 → finalists notified in June → awards presented at
the Extraordinary Banking Awards on September 23, 2026.

Why Should I Attend Super Conference?

Some of the country's top community bank CEOs have attended the last three conferences and said they found two years' worth of implementation ideas at each event.

When you attend, you'll hear the real strategies used by award-winning banks—many banks that chose to build on discipline when it would have been easier to compete on rate. These are strategies that will increase your profits—not theories, but proven, results-driven, real-world, practical strategies that will grow your bank.

How Do I Nominate My Bank?

Simple. Just have your marketing department or executive assistant complete the enclosed application form or download a fillable PDF at BankyAwards.com.

Banky Recognition Drives Our Culture of Excellence

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We use the Banky recognition as a tool with our employees to **push a culture of excellence**. It helps our clients see us as special, and it certainly **helps close new business**.”



— C. Floyd, President & CEO, Dream First Bank
2019 Extraordinary Bank of the Year™ Award Winner
2022 Institute for Extraordinary Banking™ Hall of Fame Inductee

The Application Deadline is May 20, 2026.

**Here's the important question. What if your competitor wins and you don't?
Don't let that happen. Nominate your bank today.**

Use the enclosed application or download one at BankyAwards.com.



APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: May 20, 2026

Use the enclosed application or download one at BankyAwards.com.

Submission Instructions

You deserve to be recognized as an extraordinary bank and use it to command premium pricing. Here's how you start. The 2026 Extraordinary Banking Awards application form is fillable online but cannot be submitted online. **Be sure to save a copy of the application to your system BEFORE closing the document.** If you don't save a copy, you may have to fill in your application again. To complete your submission, email the saved copy of your application along with attachments of the other required elements—your photograph (Section 3) and essay (Section 6)—to Nominations@BankyAwards.com.

If you are filling out a paper copy of the application, please print or type only. Regardless of how you complete your application, be sure to write the name of the bank exactly as you would like it to appear in press releases and on trophies.

Awards

First Level – Banky™ Award

Bank meets the criteria of stringent standards of The Institute for Extraordinary Banking based on the quality of the information provided in the application.

Next Level – Category-Level Award

Category winner by asset class and one overall category winner recognized for each of the five categories—TGIM, MoneySmarts, BanksGiving, Above-and-Beyond, and Thought Leader. The asset classes are under \$300 million, \$300-500 million, \$500 million - \$1 billion, and over \$1 billion.

Highest Level – Extraordinary Bank of the Year™

Extraordinary Bank of the Year—excellence in each of the five categories—three finalists will vie for the title LIVE at the awards ceremony.

The judges' decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive an award, the nominee bank must be a community or regional bank in the United States or its territories. All Banky Award winners will become eligible to be considered for one of five Category-Level Banky Awards and the 2026 Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award—the top award for community banks.

To be considered for a Category award and as a finalist for the 2026 Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award, each Banky winner must complete a culture survey, with 75% of the bank staff completing the survey. The culture survey will be weighted at 50% of the Thank God It's Monday! Culture Award, with the other 50% of the score coming from the judges' scores. Also, each bank that applies for a Banky will be mystery-shopped by phone. The mystery-shopping score will be weighted at 50% of the Customer Service Award, with the other 50% of the score coming from the judges' scores.

The three finalists for the 2026 Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award will be determined based on a combination of the judges' scores, culture survey score, and mystery shop score, with one-third of the overall score coming from each. The overall Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award is then determined by a combination of judges' scores and a vote by the attendees at the Banky Awards.

Previous Banky Award winners and Category-Level Banky Award winners may apply for the 2026 awards. Previous Extraordinary Bank of the Year winners—the highest annual award—are inducted into the Institute for Extraordinary Banking Hall of Fame and are no longer eligible for the Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award but remain eligible for Banky and Category-Level awards.

Judging Panel and Criteria

The independent panel of judges is composed of community banking experts from throughout the industry who analyze each nomination across five dimensions:

- Internal Culture: Employee engagement
- Customer Service: Commitment to exceptional and consistent customer service
- Financial Education: Commitment to financial education programs
- Philanthropy: Commitment to having a huge impact within your community
- Extraordinary Bank Practices: Commitment to raising the standards of banking practices focused on client success

2026 BANKY AWARD APPLICATION

(A fillable PDF of this application is available at [BankyAwards.com](https://www.BankyAwards.com).)

1. Nominee information

Bank Name: <small>(SPECIFY NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON AN AWARD OR IN A PUBLICATION)</small>		Main Office / Main Phone #:	
Main Office / Main Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Bank Website:			
Preferred mailing address for correspondence such as P.O. Box:			
CEO's name:			
Email:		Direct Phone #:	
CEO Assistant's name:			
Email:		Direct Phone #:	
Marketing Contact name:			
Email:		Direct Phone #:	
Name of person nominating the bank:			Title:
Email:		Direct Phone #:	
Has nominee previously been nominated for consideration? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Year(s):	
What award level has the nominee previously received? (check boxes next to all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Banky	<input type="checkbox"/> Category winner	<input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Bank of the Year winner	
<input type="checkbox"/> Category finalist	<input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Bank of the Year finalist		

2. General information

In what year was the bank founded?		<input type="checkbox"/> C-Corp	<input type="checkbox"/> S-Corp	
How many locations?	Location Type (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Retail	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
FDIC certificate #:				

3. Photograph

Please submit a professional photograph of the CEO and one of the bank offices (a branch or headquarters building, showing logo/signage). Specifications: digital file, minimum 300dpi, JPEG format. The photo will be used on [BankyAwards.com](https://www.BankyAwards.com) and in press releases to announce winners.

4. Financial data

Please double-check the FDIC Certificate number you entered in Section 2 as we'll use that number to pull your financial data.

Has the bank merged or acquired another bank within the last three years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, when and what dollar amount of the asset growth reflected in the financial data is attributable to the merger or acquisition?	

5. Executives and Board Members

Please list below the individuals who have assisted the bank's growth and success.

President

Name: _____ Address is the same as HQ/Main
Email: _____ Other Address: _____
Direct Phone #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Chief Operating Officer

Name: _____ Address is the same as HQ/Main
Email: _____ Other Address: _____
Direct Phone #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Chief Financial Officer

Name: _____ Address is the same as HQ/Main
Email: _____ Other Address: _____
Direct Phone #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Head of Retail

Name: _____ Address is the same as HQ/Main
Email: _____ Other Address: _____
Direct Phone #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Board Chair

Name: _____ Address is the same as HQ/Main
Email: _____ Other Address: _____
Direct Phone #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Other Executive

Title: _____
Name: _____ Address is the same as HQ/Main
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Board Member

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6. Essay

Whether you complete a hard copy of this application or fill out and save the PDF version, your application is not complete until you include the required essay covering the topics listed below. You may include supporting documentation. The financial information and the narratives are critical evaluation tools for the independent panel of judges. Take this opportunity to "tell the bank's story." Most information for each question may be readily available on the bank's company website or marketing materials.

- **History and current activity (250 words)**

Describe the history of the bank. Is the founder still involved in leadership? Why did he or she found the bank? If the bank is family-owned, describe the generational history and milestones. Describe any significant obstacles the bank and its leaders have overcome to create the current level of success.

- **Why are you the Best Bank in America? (1250 words)**

Explain why your bank should be recognized as one of the Best Banks in America and awarded with the Banky designation. What makes your bank unique—distinct from your competitors? Describe the market and customers your bank serves and why your bank is driven to serve those customers. Include the number of branches, the geographic reach, and the number of employees.

Be sure to include the following topics in your essay: Bank Culture, Financial Education, Philanthropy, Customer Service, and Innovative Approaches. The bank may be eligible for additional awards of excellence in these categories.

TGIM / Bank Culture

Describe the bank's culture and how that culture was accomplished. What were the guiding principles that shaped the culture? Describe the engagement of the bank's employees in the mission and vision of the bank—include specific activities that highlight employee engagement. Describe your education and systems to develop human potential, the systems you use to align your team to your corporate values, and the process to measure and improve culture each year.

Money Smarts / Financial Education

How does the bank address the community's need for financial education? What makes your financial education program unique? Who in your bank is involved in your education programs, and how?

BanksGiving™ / Philanthropy

Tell us about the bank's philanthropic activity. How is philanthropy integrated into the culture of the bank, and what makes it unique? How does your bank's philanthropy program help improve the communities you serve? How do the bank employees participate in the bank's philanthropic efforts?

Above-and-Beyond / Customer Service

What are the bank's systems for managing the consistency and quality of customer service? What are your key indicators and metrics of customer service excellence? Include scores and speak to score-improvement processes. Have you been recognized in your region for excellence in customer service? If so, what was the recognition received?

Thought Leader / Innovative Approaches

What is the bank's unique approach to delivering value to customers? Do you have a unique or effective program that you use to attract new market segments and new high-profit, low-risk clients? What is your leadership team's vision for future growth and profitability? How do you align each employee in your organization to both the strategic plan as well as to profit?

Terms and Conditions

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You are promising that what you send as a Banky Award nomination entry:

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3. Accurately describes items being implemented at your bank presently.
4. Is accurate, if you are supplying data.
5. Does not break confidentiality requirements, including but not limited to those of your bank and holding company.

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About the Extraordinary Banking Awards

Hundreds of banks will receive a Banky, the mark of excellence for community banks—like a seal of approval endorsing them as a highly-effective, community-focused bank. Five will be singled out as category award winners in each of these categories:

- Thank God It's Monday!™ Culture Banky™ Award for Outstanding Workplace Culture
- Above-and-Beyond Customer Service Banky™ Award
- Money Smarts Banky™ Award for Financial Education
- BanksGiving™ Banky™ Award for Philanthropy
- Thought Leadership Banky™ Award

All five category winners will receive over \$25,000 in business building and public relations resources designed to help them show their communities that they truly are Extraordinary Bankers! In addition, the Institute for Extraordinary Banking will fund a Johnny's Ambassadors Program on behalf of the 2026 Extraordinary Bank of the Year Award winner, established in the winning bank's local school district in its name.

PLUS the 2026 overall Extraordinary Banking Award winner will receive A NEW CAR! The car is custom-wrapped with YOUR branding to say loud and clear to everyone in your community that you are the 2026 Extraordinary Bank of the Year winner. The car is yours to keep this year and beyond!



Winners will be responsible for any federal, state, and/or local taxes due on prizes if any. Winners receive two VIP tickets at an exclusive discount (for the CEO and one executive or board member) to attend the Awards Ceremony and The Best Banks in America Super Conference, September 22–23, 2026, in Atlanta.

The Extraordinary Bank of the Year™ Will Inspire the Next Generation of Leaders

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SAVE THE DATE FOR

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