



It's time to celebrate business in the Greater Augusta Region!!

The nomination period for the 2019 Business Excellence Awards is now open! The Chamber will be recognizing businesses and individuals who have had a significant impact on our community during the past year. Criteria for the awards include business performance, innovative practices, revenue and job growth, employee development, new programs, civic involvement, and leadership. The winners of each award will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Business Excellence Awards on March 21, 2019 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center.

Nominations should be made based on criteria listed under each category. Winners will be selected by an awards selection committee after review of each entry. **Only completed nomination forms will be reviewed.** All recognized businesses must be current members of the Chamber, in good standing. Nominations will not be considered for businesses that have within the last three years received the award for which they are being nominated.

Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

Nominations are due by 5pm on Friday, February 15th. Feel free to submit nominations for more than one category. However, a separate form must be completed for each. All completed forms may be emailed to info@augustava.com.

2019 Award Categories and Criteria

Small Business Excellence Award

- Business with 50 or fewer employees, located in the Greater Augusta Region
- Growth through revenue and creation of jobs
- Innovative products and services
- Active in community service
- Sound or innovative business practices
- Excellent customer service

Large Business Excellence Award

- Business with 51 or more employees, located in the Greater Augusta Region
- Significant contributions to the economic health of the community through revenue growth and creation of jobs
- Innovative products and services
- Ongoing support and development of employees
- A commitment to collaboration and community service
- Sound or innovative business practices



Woman-Owned Business Excellence Award

- Must be at least 51-percent owned by one or more women, located in the Greater Augusta Region
- Management and daily business operations must be controlled by one or more women
- Innovative products and services
- Active in community service
- Sound or innovative business practices
- Excellent customer service

Non-Profit Excellence Award

- 501(c)3 organization serving the Greater Augusta Region
- Demonstrated excellence in non-profit business management practices and resource development
- Growth in the number of programs, networks, partnerships, collaborations and services that demonstrate community impact
- Steady growth in clients served

Young Professional Award

- 40 years of age or younger as of February 1, 2019
- Lives and works in the Greater Augusta Region
- Initiative in seeking and fulfilling leadership roles throughout the community
- Professionalism in their field of work
- Vision and passion to mentor and lead others
- Has achieved success while overcoming obstacles, to become one of tomorrow's top business leaders

Business Leadership Award

- Longtime business leader in the Greater Augusta Region that exhibits strength in character, resolve and a commitment to the community and exemplary success in the regional business community
- Involved in growing the community through their vision and leadership
- Demonstrated commitment to volunteerism that results in civic, social or economic improvement of the community that lasts over a period of time
- Displays high ethical and personal integrity



2019 Nomination Form

Choose the award for this nomination (only one category per form):

- Small Business Excellence Award
- Large Business Excellence Award
- Woman-Owned Business Excellence Award
- Non-Profit Excellence Award
- Young Professional Award
- Business Leadership Award

Business or Individual Nominated: _____

Your Name:

Your Business: _____

Your Telephone Number: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Describe the impact the business or individual has had on the community.



What innovative business practices or leadership helped with success?

What qualities make this company or individual merit consideration for this award?

What other feedback would you like to provide to support this nomination?
