



APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the following application in full and return it to the Chamber by no later than **5pm on Monday, May 15th**. Applications will be judged by an independent group of community business leaders based upon the specified criteria. Winners will be recognized at the July 18, 2017 GreyStone Power Luncheon. The 2017 Small Business of the Year will be selected from among the winners and will be presented at the Chamber's 2018 Awards Banquet.

Questions? Please contact Sara Ray at
ray@douglascountygeorgia.com or 770.942.5022.

Questions about the Application? We will hold an Information Session on May 2nd at 10 a.m. at the Chamber to help applicants maximize the content of their application!

Free Application Review: If you would like feedback, Chamber staff will review a draft of your application before you submit it. Drafts are due by May 5, 2017. There is no charge for this review. It is not shared with judges and it does not affect your entry's eligibility. Please submit to ray@douglascountygeorgia.com

REQUIREMENTS

- Douglas County Chamber Member
- Demonstrated Increase in Sales
- Have Been in Business for a Minimum of Two Years
- Contributed to Chamber or Community-Oriented Projects
- Have 50 Employees or Less
- Be For-Profit

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Business Name _____

Owners/Principal _____ Title _____

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Address _____

Business Phone _____ Contact email _____

Website _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION:

Year business was established _____

Years in business _____

Year you joined the Douglas County Chamber _____

Are you a "home-based" business? Yes ___ No ___

Do you own your own building or facility? Yes ___ No ___

Facility Growth: Have you expanded your physical facility in the last 3 years? Yes ___ No ___

Number of employees: 2015 _____ 2016 _____

Approximate number of clients/customers: 2015 _____ 2016 _____



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Description of your business: *(Please submit a separate document with your response)*

What innovation or difference sets you apart from the competition?
(Please submit a separate document with your response)

Percent growth in sales? 2015_____ 2016_____

Please explain the growth above. If no growth, explain issues causing downturn and methods used to solve them. Overcoming adversity is valued as well as growth.
(Please submit a separate document with your response)

COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION:

Community Service Hours donated by your company? 2015_____ 2016_____

Approximate contribution made to non-profit organizations? (in-kind or actual)
2015_____ 2016_____

List non-profit organizations your company partnered with during 2016 and your company's role or involvement with the organization: *(Please submit a separate document with your response)*

AUTHORIZATION:

Owner Signature _____

If you are selected as a 2017 Business of Excellence, parts of this information may be used in marketing and publicity efforts.

Small Businesses of Excellence will receive:

- Recognition at the July 18 GreyStone Power Luncheon
- Automatic Nomination for the Small Business of the Year
- Press Release and Photograph to Local and Regional Media
- Power Point Recognition at GreyStone Power Luncheon
- Chamber Website and Lobby Signage Recognition
- Small Businesses of Excellence Features in Chamber Matters Newsletter, Weekly Email, and Guest Blog
- Plaque and Signage Recognition for Your Business
- Recognition by the Douglas County Sentinel

Send Application and Support Materials to:

Douglas County Chamber
Attn: Small Businesses of Excellence
6658 Church Street | Douglasville, GA 30134
Fax: 770-942-5876 | Phone: 770-942-5022

