



APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the following application in full and return it to the Chamber by no later than **5pm on Friday, May 17th**. Applications will be judged by an independent group of community business leaders based upon the specified criteria. Winners will be recognized at the July 16, 2019 GreyStone Power Luncheon. The 2019 Small Business of the Year will be selected from among the winners and will be presented at the Chamber's 2020 Awards Banquet.

Questions? Please contact Ruby Byers at

byers@douglascountygeorgia.com or 770.942.5022.

Questions about the Application? We will hold an Information Session on April 26th at 3 p.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 3, 2019. 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 byers@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: 2017 _____ 2018 _____

Approximate number of clients/customers: 2017 _____ 2018 _____

Please submit a separate document with your response for the following:

Description of your business:

What innovation or difference sets you apart from the competition?

Percent growth in sales? 2017 _____ 2018 _____

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION:

Community Service hours donated by your company? 2017 _____ 2018 _____

Approximate in-kind contributions made to non-profit organizations?
2017 _____ 2018 _____

Approximate financial contributions made to non-profit organizations?
2017 _____ 2018 _____

List non-profit organizations your company partnered with during 2018 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 2019 Business of Excellence, application information may be used in marketing and publicity efforts.

2019 Businesses of Excellence will receive:

Recognition at the July 16 GreyStone Power Luncheon

Table of 8 at the Business of Excellence Luncheon

Automatic Nomination for the 2019 Business of the Year

Press Release and Photograph to Local and Regional Media

PowerPoint Recognition at GreyStone Power Luncheon

Chamber Website and Signage Recognition

Businesses of Excellence Features in Chamber Matters Newsletter, Video Spotlight and Weekly Email

Plaque and Signage Recognition for Your Business

Recognition by the Douglas County Sentinel

Send Application and Support Materials to:

Douglas County Chamber

Attn: DC Chamber Businesses of Excellence

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