



WAYNE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR"

NOMINATION FORM

The Chamber Executive Committee will appoint a committee to determine the award recipient.

The following criteria must be met for nomination:

- Nominee must be a member in good standing of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce.
- Business must have been in business for a minimum of 2 years.
- Business must project a positive image. The management, tools and materials utilized to conduct the business shall represent quality, and the business dealings and reputation must be above reproach.
- Nominee must demonstrate commitment to serving the community and people of Wayne County.
- Nominee must have donated resources (time, talent, money, etc.) to the community via projects, clubs, etc.
- Nominee must not have been a recipient of the Small Business of the Year in the past.

Past Recipients:

2009 – The Berry Patch
2011 – Designs by Deidra
2013 – Overholt Construction/Jesup Premium Storage
2015 – Altamaha Federal Credit Union
2017 – Country Financial, Shaun O'Quinn
2019 – Interstate Credit Union
2021 – Marshland Credit Union
2023 – Reliable Rolloff Solutions

2010 – Gooney's Pizza
2012 – Jesup Drive-In
2014 – Velocity Health & Fitness
2016 – The Michael Long Agency
2018 – Café Euro
2020 – Diversified Technical Solutions
2022 – Harris Ace Hardware
2024 – My Daughter & Me

The Small Business of the Year will be announced at the Chamber Legacy Dinner and will be publicized in the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Business News and will be one of the Honorary Grand Marshalls in the Annual Christmas Parade.

To place your nomination, please complete the information below and attached nomination questionnaire. All information will be reviewed by the committee. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Return the nomination and questionnaire forms on or before Monday, September 15, 2025.

Wayne County Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Legacy Dinner Awards
261 W. Plum Street Jesup, GA 31545
Email: dbennett@waynechamberga.com

Name of Business: _____

Name of Owners: _____ Email: _____

Phone #: _____ # of Employees: _____

How long has this business been in operation: _____

Submitted By:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Small Business of the Year Nomination

Questionnaire Form

Company/Organization Profile

Include number of employees, major products and services, a brief history and organizational goals.

Commitment to Community

Describe major community activities in which the company and/or its employees have been involved.

What innovative business practices or leadership helped with success?

What impact has this business had on the local community?



WAYNE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR"

NOMINATION FORM

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The following criteria must be met for nomination:

- Nominee must be a member in good standing of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce.
- Business must have been in business for a minimum of 2 years.
- Business must project a positive image. The management, tools and materials utilized to conduct the business shall represent quality, and the business dealings and reputation must be above reproach.
- Nominee must have an outstanding reputation in the community.
- Nominee must demonstrate commitment to serving the community and people of Wayne County.
- Nominee must have donated resources (time, talent, money, etc.) to the community via projects, clubs, etc.
- Nominee must not have been a recipient of the Small Business of the Year in the past.

Past Recipients:

1997 – Jack News	1998 – Mickey Whittington	1999 – Tommy Mercer
2000 – Charles Morgan, II	2001 – Mike Deal	2002 – Sybil Lynn
2003 – Mickey Whittington	2004 – Eric Denty	2005 – Rick Poppell
2006 – Dwight Drury	2007 – Don Miller	2008 – Buck Murphy
2009 – Shaun O’Quinn	2010 – Jim Boykin	2011 – Chad NeSmith
2012 – Jack Perrett	2013 – Nick Harris	2014 – Joe Ierardi
2015 – Donnie Ray	2016 – Jodi Ammons	2017 – Ralph Hickox
2018 – Kim Sumner	2019 – David E. Keith	2020 – Jeff Chandler
2021 – Jennifer Reeder	2022 - Shauna Mattingly	2023 – Toni Ray
2024 – Jason Weaver		

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Name of Nominee: _____

Occupation: _____

Submitted By:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Business Leader of the Year Nomination

Questionnaire Form

Describe how this nominee exhibits leadership in business and community.

What innovative business practices or leadership helped with success?

What impact has this nominee had on the local community?

Provide additional information as to why this nominee deserves this award. Include any significant business achievements, awards, etc.



WAYNE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD"

NOMINATION FORM

The Chamber Executive Committee will appoint a committee to determine the award recipient.

The following criteria must be met for nomination:

- Nominee must demonstrate a lifetime of service.
- Nominee must demonstrate a history of civic involvement.
- Nominee must project a reputation of distinguished investment and servanthood to community in business, civic and volunteer efforts.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce.
- Nominee must not have been a recipient of the Citizen of the Year or Distinguished Service Awards in the past.

Past Recipients:

1990 – Jimmy Sullivan
1993 – Jim Bland
1996 – James Harper
1999 – W.W. "Babe" Davis
2002 – Jerry Nichols
2005 – Betty Fisher
2008 – Billie Canton
2011 – Mark Williams
2014 – Dr. Lanier Harrell
2017 – Sybil Lynn
2020 – John Benner
2023 – Glenna Parker Eubank

1991 – Dink NeSmith, Jr.
1994 – Mary Ellen McKenzie
1997 – Martha J. Burns
2000 – Geneva Nichols
2003 – Dr. Ollie McGahee
2006 – Grant Lewis
2009 – Stetson Bennett
2012 – Mickey Whittington
2015 – Edna Williamson
2018 – Dr. Jeffrey Harris
2021 – Dell Keith
2024 – Shirlene Armstrong

1992 – Bill Miller
1995 – Tom James
1998 – James Boykin
2001 – Dr. Paul C. Scott
2004 – Earl Richardson
2007 – Carey Jones, Sr.
2010 – Dr. Lawrence Bennett
2013 – Kenny Bryant
2016 – Honorable Vi Bennett
2019 – Lindsay Thomas
2022 – Linda Rinehart Williamson

The Distinguished Service Award winner will be announced at the Chamber Legacy Dinner and will be publicized in the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Business News and will be one of the Honorary Grand Marshalls in the Annual Christmas Parade.

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Name of Nominee: _____

Occupation: _____

Submitted By:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Distinguished Service Award Nomination

Questionnaire Form

Describe how this nominee has demonstrated a lifetime of service.

Describe how this nominee has demonstrated a history of civic involvement.

What impact has this nominee had on the local community?

Provide additional information as to why this nominee deserves this award. Include any significant business achievements, awards, etc.
