**Business Award Application Parameters**

• Companies can self-nominate or be nominated by someone else.

• A completed Application form must be submitted in order to be considered for an award.

• Applications will be accepted from current chamber members in good standing.

• When the Chamber receives a nomination for a company, they will be immediately notified, unless that nomination comes after the Application deadline (see below).

• Answers may be in the form of bullet points instead of essay format when applicable.

• Please limit each answer to a maximum of 250 words.

• Businesses applying are encouraged to include any relevant images or documents. Images must be limited to 5 and compiled into a single PDF or document. Please include a picture of your staff. (Staff photos may be used at the event).

• The judging criteria for the 2020 Business Awards is based on the information submitted in the application packet that demonstrates how your business stands out as a leader in Greater Gainesville.

• Finalists and winners will be selected by a panel of judges made up of local business leaders and past award winners. All judges’ decisions are final.

• In order to create a fair judging process, a minimum of three different applicants are required for each category.

• The application fee has been waived this year

• Please submit a high-resolution business logo with the application via e-mail in .jpg, .pdf, .ai, or .eps format to stevec@gainesvillechamber.com

• All finalists will be recognized and winners will be announced the Business Awards Celebration on December 3rd, 2020.

• All completed applications are due on or before 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 to Steve Cannon, stevec@gainesvillechamber.com or 300 E. University Ave, Ste. 100, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, November 11, 2020: Application Deadline

Tuesday, November 17, 2020: Finalist’s Announced

Thursday, December 3, 2020: Business of the Year Celebration

**BUSINESS AWARDS 2020**

AWARD CATEGORIES: \*select the one category **this application** is for. You will need to complete a separate application **for each** category you apply for.

* Commitment to the Environment
* Community Involvement
* Employer of the Year
* Leading Women’s Business
* New Business (2 years or less)
* Technology Company of the Year
* Human Life Sciences Company of the Year
* Small Business of the Year (<2 million revenue annually)
* Large Business of the Year (>2 million revenue annually)

Award applications are to be submitted by 4pm on Wednesday, November 11th.

Applications may be emailed (stevec@gainesvillechamber.com) or dropped off at the Chamber Office.

Winners will be announced during the December 3rd Business of the Year Awards Program.

**Applicant Information**:

Business Name:

Industry:

Contact Person:

Contact Person Title:

Contact Person Email:

Contact Person Phone:

Company Website, Social Media:

Year Business Founded in:

Number of Full Time Employees:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Part Time Employees:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Where are you headquartered (if outside of Gainesville):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a you a Privately or Publicly held business: \_\_\_\_\_PRIVATE \_\_\_\_\_PUBLIC

Working Capital: \_\_\_\_\_ $1 - $750,000 \_\_\_\_\_ $750,000 - $100 Million \_\_\_\_\_ $100 Million +

Describe the product or service your organization offers, in an “About You” or “Elevator Pitch” general information format. Please avoid industry terminology where possible, describe your company in laymen terms. (There are no points for this description but it help our judges understand who you are and what you do as they review your application.)

1. Tell us about your organization. What do you do, how did it start, why did it start, what are your core values, goals and overall mission?
2. Describe your business’s local culture. What development opportunities and benefits (including but not limited to healthcare) are available for your staff? How does your business encourage diversity and equitable treatment of all people? How is your culture reflected in the customer experience.
3. Tell us why you should be considered as a winner for this award category? What makes your business’ contributions to our community in this area unique? What 2020 projects have you implemented or completed? How has your organization grown in the past year? What makes you a leader in your award category? How does it impact our local community?
4. Tell us anything else you think we should know to consider your business for this award.

By signing this application, you acknowledge that the information contained within is true to the best of your knowledge.

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Signature

Legal Notice: The Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to use submission material at both the event and in related activities. All tax and financial information will remain confidential. The Business Award Winners are judged by a group of their peers without regard to race, color, religion, gender identity, national origin, physical or mental disabilities.