

2015 SBA Mississippi Generational Family-Owned Business of the Year

This award honors a family-owned and operated business which has been passed on from one generation to the next. The owner must also serve as a majority owner and operator or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with at least a 15-year track record.

1. Evidence of success as measured by sales and profits.
2. Increased employment opportunities for family members and non-family members for the nominee's business.
3. Demonstrated potential necessary for long-term business success and economic growth.
4. Voluntary efforts to strengthen family-owned businesses within the community.

What information must the nomination package contain?

Nominations must be typewritten on one side of 8 1/2" x 11" white stationery, collated and secured in a 1 1/2" binder. Incomplete nomination packages will not be considered. All evaluation/selection criteria must be specifically addressed. A complete nomination package will also include, in the following order:

1. A single cover page stating —
 - Nominee's full name, title, business and home addresses with telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address if applicable
 - The award for which the nomination is being made
 - Nominator's name, title, place of business, business address and telephone number and e-mail address if applicable
 - One-paragraph description of the nominee's business and/or professional occupation
 - If applicable, a nomination letter, to include a concise statement of the qualities and performance that merit the award, not to exceed one page. The nominator's name, title, place of business, business address, telephone number and e-mail address must be included
 - A completed background form (SBA Form 3300, Award Nomination Form)
 - An original 8" x 10" or 5" x 7" photo of the nominee; or a digital photo – at least 300 dpi; photocopies are not acceptable
Four to five additional photos from the nominee's company/organization, employees at work
 - A nomination letter, to include a concise statement of the qualities and performance that merit the award, not exceeding four pages
 - A brief biography of the nominee, not exceeding one page
 - A business profile, not exceeding one page, if applicable
 - The nominee's business financial statement — including balance sheets, profit-and-loss statements and financial reports — not exceeding 12 pages, on 8 1/2" x 11" paper – for the last three years, if applicable
 - Any other supporting documentation deemed significant by the nominator, including news clips, letters of recommendation and other evidence of the appropriateness of the nomination
 - Supporting documentation must not exceed 10 pages. Videos will not be considered