

2015 SBA Mississippi Minority Small Business Champion of the Year

An individual who has fulfilled a commitment to the advancement of small business opportunities for minority business owners may be nominated. Nominees may or may not be small business owners.

1. Volunteer efforts beyond business/professional responsibilities to advance minority small business interests within the community, state and/or nation.
2. Demonstrated efforts to improve conditions in the minority small business community as a whole, not solely for individual personal advancement.
3. Voluntary efforts to provide professional services to the minority small business community in a legal, legislative, managerial or financial capacity.
4. Demonstrated accomplishments in advising minority small business groups of opportunities within the overall business community.
5. Other accomplishments demonstrating the nominee's merit as an effective advocate for minority small business interests.

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 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
2. Supporting documentation must not exceed 10 pages. Videos will not be considered