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SBA Accepting 2017 Georgia Small Business Week Champion Award Nominations

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration [Georgia District Office](#) is accepting nominations for its 2017 Georgia Small Business Week Champion Awards.

The award categories are: Entrepreneur of the Year Awards: Women in Business Champion of the Year, Minority Small Business Champion of the Year, Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year, Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Entrepreneurial Success Award, Family-Owned Business of the Year, Financial Service Champion of the Year, Home-Based Business Champion of the Year, LGBT Business Advocate of the Year, and Small Business Media Advocate of the Year.

For information on qualifications for these awards and details on how to apply, please visit the link:

https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/resource_files/SBW_2017_Champion_Award_Categories.pdf

What does the nomination include?

- Completed Award Form
- SBA Form 3300, available at [SBA Background Form 3300](#)
- A high resolution photo of the nominee
- Supporting documentation, including news clips, letters of recommendation and other evidence of the nominee's qualifications

Evaluation Criteria:

- Financial Performance
- Business Growth (e.g. growth in sales, employees, market, etc.)
- Business Sustainability (e.g. # of years in business, etc.)
- Innovativeness of Business and of Business Methods/Practices
- Community Contributions and/or Involvement

All nominations must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 14, 2017. SBA will no longer be using the Small Business Week online portal. All nomination packages may only be hand delivered or mailed to the SBA office. Email submissions of SBA awards forms will not be accepted as they contain personally identifiable information (PII).

All nominations should be mailed to:

Attn: Lindsay Williams
U.S. Small Business Administration, Georgia District Office
233 Peachtree St., Suite 1900
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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About the Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 and since January 13, 2012 has served as a Cabinet-level agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses. Through an extensive network of field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations, the SBA delivers its services to people throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. www.sba.gov