

FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS AND CHAMBER GALA
FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 2026

About the Entrepreneur of the Year Award: The success of our regional economy is based on the success of people in business that have a vision and are willing to take risks to turn their vision into reality. Each year the Chamber recognizes a CEO or Business Owner who has put everything on the line in order to translate an idea into the viable, sustainable enterprise. The CEO or Business Owner should have passion, vision, and the drive to succeed. He or she should be a compelling leader who embodies entrepreneurial spirit and is not afraid to take risks and drive the business forward.

Chamber members are encouraged to nominate their own companies or other member businesses that they believe meet the criteria for the award.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS ELIGIBILITY:

1. The entrepreneur must be the CEO or president of a private or public company who is primarily responsible for the recent performance of the company.
2. Nominee has been a member in good standing with the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce for at least three years.
3. Nominee has been in business for at least three years under the current ownership.
4. Nominee has participated in and supported the Chamber and other community activities.

NOMINATION FORM- DEADLINE *Wednesday, April 1st, 2026*

Nominee Information

Business Name: _____

Name of Owner/President: _____

Number of years in business under the current ownership: _____ Number of employees: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Website: _____

Email: _____

Nominator Information

Nominator's Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Relationship to the Business being nominated: _____

Please respond to the following items:

- Description of the business
 - Consider uniqueness within industry/market. What sets this business apart from others?

- Significant accomplishments of the Entrepreneur.
 - New and/or innovative strategic approaches

- Overcoming business challenges –share details

- Company growth – share broad details
 - Include broad details about their participation and/or support

- Involvement in the Chamber and/or community

- List any other information that could be important to this nomination.

- Include a photo (preferably, headshot) and the business Logo with the nomination.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION: Entrepreneur of the Year Nominations are due via email or hard copy by **Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 at 5pm.**

Email: Gretchen Rusden – Marketing@fxbgchamber.org

Subject Line: Chamber Entrepreneur of the Year Nomination

In-Person: 1701 Fall Hill Ave, Suite 106, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Call 540.373.9400.

Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

A committee of Chamber leaders will select the award winners.

Winners will be announced at the Gala on the evening of April 24, 2026

Questions? Please contact Carley Walker at cwalker@fxbgchamber.org or 540-373-9400.