

# FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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

The **Small Business of the Year Award** recognizes a small business that embodies the spirit of innovation, entrepreneurship, and individual initiative. The winner exemplifies success and leadership across business growth performance, innovative business strategies, community engagement, as well as customer and employee relations.

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

## SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS ELIGIBILITY:

1. Business has 74 or less employees.
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Business being Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINATION CRITERIA, 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 organization.
  - New and/or innovative leadership approaches
  - Uniqueness of relationship with customers/clients
  - Special contributions for and with employees

- Overcoming business challenges –share details

- List the organizations or community endeavors that senior management, owners, and/or employees have participated in or supported.
  - Include broad details about their participation and/or support

- List professional and/or trade organizations that senior management, owners, or employees have participated in.
  - Note leadership positions held if applicable

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

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

**Email:** Gretchen Rusden – [Marketing@fxbgchamber.org](mailto:Marketing@fxbgchamber.org)

**Subject Line:** Chamber Small Business of the Year Nomination

In-Person: 1700 Fall Hill Avenue, 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 will be announced at the Gala on the evening of April 24, 2026.

*Questions? Please contact Carley Walker at [cwalker@fxbgchamber.org](mailto:cwalker@fxbgchamber.org) or 540-373-9400.*

