



Gaithersburg-Germantown
Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

PATHWAYS TO BUSINESS SUCCESS

WOMEN AND MINORITY
ENTREPRENEURS TAKE IT
TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

For Start-Up &
Expanding
Businesses

Launching
November 2021



Eligibility Criteria

Track 1 – Early Venture

- Already in business or plan to launch by March 31, 2022
- Has a business name
- Has a business concept
- 51% woman-owned or minority-owned
- Located Upcounty*

Track 2 – Established Businesses

- In business for 18 months - 3 years
- Has a business plan
- Has a Tax ID # if appropriate
- Is in good standing with the State of Maryland by the start of the program**
- 51% woman-owned or minority-owned
- 51% time occupation for owner
- Located Upcounty*

There are no targeted industries, the program will seek a mix of business types. Businesses can be home-based or have a physical location.

Participants will be expected to fully participate in the workshops and facilitated resource group meetings to receive Chamber membership.

*Upcounty includes Gaithersburg, Germantown, Clarksburg, Damascus, North Potomac, Darnestown, Poolesville and smaller surrounding communities.

More Info: <https://bit.ly/3nVXRlh>

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Pathways Application

Company Name: _____

Owner Name: _____

Business Start Date: _____

Woman Owned (at least 51%)

Minority Owned (at least 51%)

Preferred Pathway Program (select)

Early Venture (within the first 18 months)

Established Business (between 18 months and 3 years)

Not Sure

Business Contact Information

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Type of Business/Industry: _____

Description of Business: _____

Number of employees: _____

Tax ID Number (if applicable): _____:

Do you have a business plan: Yes / No