

1st Annual Nonprofit Organization of the Year Award 2023 Application

Purpose: The Chamber's Nonprofit of the Year Award recognizes nonprofit organizations, which are a vital part of our economy and community. The Chamber acknowledges, with a membership over 10% represented by nonprofits and educational organizations, that these businesses hire personnel, purchase goods and services, and move the economy in the same way that for-profit businesses do. The award is presented to the small nonprofit and large nonprofit that demonstrate business success, community involvement, sustainability, and excellent customer relations.

Criteria: Nominated organizations must be a member of the GGCC.

Small Nonprofit category:

Organization must have less than ten (10) full-time (FTE) employees (same as the GGCC Small Business of the Year category). Annual operating budget must be less than \$2MM. You must fill out this application completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Large Nonprofit category:

Organization must have at least one paid w2 employee. Annual operating budget must be more than \$2MM. You must fill out this application completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Decision: The winners of the Nonprofit of the Year awards will be determined by a member committee review of the applications.

Application Deadline: The nomination deadline will be at **Noon on Thursday, August 10, 2023**, emailed to pross@ggchamber.org. The awards will be presented at *Picnic with a Purpose* on September 14th at Smokey Glen Farm. Award winners will also be recognized at the Annual Gala in December.

Prior Small Business of the Year winners are not eligible.

Application: Please answer the following questions in a separate document and email to gross@ggchamber.org.

1. Contact Information:
 - a. Name:
 - b. Title:
 - c. Organization:
 - d. Email:
 - e. Phone:
2. When was your organization founded?
3. Give us a brief history of your organization (250-word max).
4. Employees:
 - a. How many full-time and part-time employees are employed at your organization?
 - b. Do you also have 1099s? If so, how many?
 - c. What was your FTE count for the past 12 months?
5. Financials:
 - a. What is your percentage growth rate per year, as determined by expenses paid?
 - b. What is your annual operating expense budget for your current fiscal year?
 - \$0 - \$499,999
 - \$500,000 - \$999,999
 - \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000
 - \$2,000,000+
 - c. For your most recent completed fiscal year, what percentage of your organization's revenue was contributed? What percentage was earned?
 - d. Did your organization's income exceed expenses in your most recent completed fiscal year? If not, describe how your organization is or will become sustainable.
6. Tell us about a success you've had in your organization this year (250-word max).
7. How does your organization support the local economy?
8. Tell us why your business should be recognized as the GGCC Nonprofit of the Year (250-word max).