GAITHERSBURG GERMANTOWN UPCOUNTY CHAMBER

# 20th Annual Small Business of the Year Award
# 2026 Application

**Purpose**: To recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of a deserving small business owner.

**Criteria**: You must be a member of the GG Upcounty Chamber in good standing. Your business must have ten (10) or fewer full-time employees to qualify as a GG Chamber Small Business. You must fill out this application completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Decision**: The winner of the Small Business of the Year award will be determined by a committee review of the applications.

**Application Deadline**: The entry deadline will be at **5pm November 1, 2026,** emailed to pross@ggchamber.org. The award will be presented at the gala on December 1, 2026. The awardee and one guest will be invited to attend the gala to accept the award.

***Prior winners are not eligible.***

## Application:

1. Contact Information:
   - Name:
   - Title:
   - Company:
   - Email:
   - Phone

2. When was your business founded?

3. What is the size of your business (# of employees)?

4. What is your percentage growth rate per year?

5. What was your gross revenue for 2025?
   - $0 - $99,999
   - $100,000 - $499,999
   - $500,000 - $999,999
   - $1,000,000+

6. Give us a brief history of your business (250-word max).

7. Tell us about a success you've had in your business (250-word max).

8. How does your business support the local economy? (250-word max)

9. Tell us why your business should be recognized as the GG Upcounty Chamber Small Business of the Year (250-word max).