



Help us recognize outstanding small business owners and champions in the Mississippi small business community.

2012 MISSISSIPPI SBA SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Know a strong candidate? If so, check an award category, complete the information and fax/mail it today!

- Small Business Person:** For developing an outstanding & growing business, innovative product(s), increasing jobs and sales, overcoming adversity, and community contributions.
- Small Business Exporter:** Significantly increased export sales and profits, encouraging other firms to export, increasing jobs through exports, and innovative methods of creating markets.
- Young:** Owner will not reach 30th birthday by June 1, 2012, three-year evidence of success in sales and profits, increased jobs, innovative products, and demonstrated potential.
- Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business:** Award honors a family-owned and operated business which has been passed on from one generation to another. The owner must have served as a majority owner and operator or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with at least a 15-year track record.

Small Business Champions: Those promoting small business through volunteering of time and service, and advocating the cause of small business. Champions do not have to be a small business owner.

- Minority Small Business Champion:** Advances business ownership for minorities.
- Women in Business Champion:** Increases business opportunities for women.
- Veteran Small Business Champion:** Increases business opportunities for veterans.
- Home-Based Business Champion:** Improves the climate of home-based business ownership. Nominees may or may not be current small business owners.
- Financial Services Champion:** Individuals helping businesses through efforts to increase their usefulness and availability of accounting or financial services.
- Entrepreneurial Success Award:** Individuals must own and operate a business initially launched as small businesses and subsequently developed into a large business, and they must have received SBA assistance.
- Small Business Journalist:** Journalists representing television, radio, electronic or print media that make concerted efforts to increase public understanding of the importance of small business contributions to the economy.

Phoenix Awards: Those individuals whose efforts and contributions enable their business or communities to recover successfully from a disaster.

- Small Business Disaster Recovery:** Small business owner that received a SBA disaster loan to rebound successfully from physical damage suffered in a disaster during fiscal years 2010 and/or 2011.
- Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery:** Award is open to private citizen, or state/local government official.

NOMINEE/NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominee Name		Title	
Company/Organization			
Address			
City	Zip	Phone	Fax
# of Employees	Email		
Nominator Name		Title	
Company/Organization			
Address			
City	Zip	Phone	Fax
Email			

Fax to (228) 864-0179 or mail to: **U. S. Small Business Administration, Gulfport Branch Office, Attn.: Small Business Awards Committee, 2510 14th Street, Suite 103, Gulfport, MS 39501.** Feel free to copy and distribute this form for additional nominations. A completed formal nomination packet with detailed materials should be received no later than Friday, November 11, 2011. For more information, contact Gary Reed at (228) 863-4449, ext. 223 or gary.reed@sba.gov.