

BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR 2025

BAXLEY – APPLING COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Baxley – Appling County Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize a business leader that has gone above and beyond to support and grow our community by presenting a “Business Leader of the Year” award in 2025. Business Leaders are encouraged to nominate themselves. Company owners, employees, family of employees and former employees are also encouraged to nominate current or former employers that made an impact on our community.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered, nominees must:

- be members of the Baxley- Appling County Chamber of Commerce for at least 12 months
- active in day to day operations
- must be in a leadership role for a minimum of 2 years (*owner / manager / supervisor*)
- show commitment to social responsibility
- exemplify strong community involvement

CONSIDERATIONS

We understand that each nominee will have a different set of attributes. The review committee will take into consideration the below categories when judging applicants:

- **Community Involvement** - Describe how the nominee engages in activities beyond their job responsibilities that contribute to helping and improving the conditions of others on the job or the wider community and/or inspires employees to be active community members.
- **Innovation** – Please explain how nominee shows creativity in business decisions or in development of specific product or services and/or acts with boldness by taking smart risks to advance organizational and personal goals.
- **Team Builder / Empowerment**- Please explain how nominee motivates and empowers colleagues, employees and/or community members, to take smart risks in their professional lives.
- **-Honors / Awards**- Please include any trade or professional achievements, voluntary professional development, certificates, honors, or awards nominee has received.
- **Please provide a narrative: We are looking for an individual who could tell their story of success within business, the challenges they overcame, and the legacy they have left. Also looking for an individual to provide an overview of any non-executive business positions or charitable/ community work. Leader may have acquired a long term record of service or accomplishments, or they may have made just one outstanding contribution that made an impact in their customers, employees, industry, or business sector.**

APPLICATION

Nominee Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is the Company headquartered in Appling County? _____

Has the company been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for a min. of 12 months? _____

Has the nominee been in a leadership role for a minimum of 2 years? (Required) _____

Please provide a narrative (up to 2 pages) explaining why this nominee should be the Business Leader of the Year. Please include a brief description of their leadership role and information that applies to the five areas of judging criteria. Supporting documents are allowed in addition to the narrative, please supply copies.

Deadline for nominations is **February 14, 2025**. An out-of-town selection committee will review the accomplishments of each applicant (*name not displayed*) and determine which will be their Business Leader of the Year recipient.

The recipient of this award will be announced during the Annual Chamber GALA on Thursday, April 17, 2025. The award recipient and nominator will each receive one (1) complimentary ticket to attend the event. Additional tickets can be purchased through the Baxley-Appling County Chamber of Commerce.

Submitted By: _____ Association to nominee: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return nominations by Friday, February 14, 2025 to:

Business Leader of the Year

305 West Parker Street

Baxley, GA 31513