

Summit Chamber
BUSINESS
Excellence
AWARDS
APPLICATION

All fields on the application below should be filled out based on the award you are applying for. Any blank fields may result in that portion of the application not being scored. Information provided should have occurred in your business between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

If you have questions about this application please reach out to us at biz@summitchamber.org.

Award Categories

Applicants are allowed to apply for up to 1 award from each of the following two categories. **Please check the award(s) for which you are applying.**

Category 1 - General Awards

New Business of the Year *(must complete Sections 1-4 PLUS Section 5)*

Business Team of the Year *(must complete Sections 1-4 PLUS Section 6)*

Business Innovator of the Year *(must complete Sections 1-4 PLUS Section 7)*

Ben Fogle Chamber Champion of the Year *(must complete Sections 1-4 PLUS Section 8)*

Category 2 – Business of the Year

Small Business of the Year *(must complete Sections 1-4 PLUS Section 9)*

Medium Business of the Year *(must complete Sections 1-4 PLUS Section 10)*

Large Business of the Year *(must complete Sections 1-4 PLUS Section 11)*

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Chamber staff will be the only people viewing Section 2 - Gross Sales & Average Wages.*

Section 1 - General Business Information

All fields in this Section 1 are required - if a field doesn't apply to you type NA

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____

Business Website: _____

Year the business started operating in Summit County: _____

What percentage of your business is conducted in Summit County: _____

List how many employee(s) you have:

Full-time: _____

Part-time: _____

Point of contact for awards:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Section 2 - Gross Sales & Average Wages

This section will be viewed by chamber staff ONLY and will be used to calculate a pattern of growth. Please complete for each year(s) you have been in business.

Gross Sales for 2020	Gross Sales for 2021	Gross Sales for 2022

Provide information for ALL levels you consider your organization to have (must complete at least one level):

Average Hourly Wage for Upper-Management	
Average Hourly Wage for Middle-Management	
Average Hourly Wage for Frontline Staff	
Average Hourly Wage for Part-time staff	

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Section 3 - Social Media

List up to your top 5 social media platforms & handle QR links to your profile (one platform per line)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Section 4 - General Business Practices

All applicants for any award should complete questions 1 – 8

Question 1

Please provide a brief description of the product or services you provided during 2022.

(500 characters or less)

Question 2

In 15 words or less describe your target customer base served in 2022.

Question 3

Define the gaps or needs your business strived to meet within Summit County in 2022.

(1000 characters or less)

Question 4

How did you differentiate yourself from your competition in 2022?

(1000 characters or less)

Question 5

Why did you choose to operate your business in Summit County?

(1000 characters or less)

Question 6

How did your business improve the lives of your Employees in 2022?

(1000 characters or less)

Question 7

Explain how you used Marketing to set your business apart in 2022.

(1000 characters or less)

Question 8

Provide an example(s) of how your business gave back to the Summit County Community in 2022.

(1000 characters or less)

!!!Almost Done - only 2-3 questions left based on your award!!!

Please finish your application by completing the following section(s) based on the award(s) you are applying for:

Category 1 - General Awards

New Business of the Year *(Section 5)*

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Small Business of the Year *(Section 9)*

Medium Business of the Year *(Section 10)*

Large Business of the Year *(Section 11)*

Section 5 - New Business of the Year

Only complete this section if applying for New Business of the Year

Question 9

Explain the passion or purpose behind starting this new business in Summit County in 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Question 10

Explain the largest obstacle(s) you had to overcome in starting your new business and detail how you overcame the obstacle(s).

(1500 characters or less)

Section 6 - Business Team of the Year

Only complete this section if applying for Business Team of the Year

Question 11

Explain the programs you had in place for team development in 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Question 12

Provide examples of how your team members (not management) improved the workplace culture in 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Section 7 - Business Innovator of the Year

Only complete this section if applying for Business Innovator of the Year

Question 13

Describe how your business fostered a mindset of business innovation in 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Question 14

Describe how your business innovation grew your customer base or improved customers' lives in 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Section 8 - Ben Fogle Chamber Champion of the Year

Only complete this section if applying for Ben Fogle Chamber Champion of the Year

Question 15

Explain how you or your business furthered the mission and vision of the Summit Chamber in 2022.

[Click here to view Summit Chamber mission & vision](#)

(1500 characters or less)

Question 16

Demonstrate how you or your business have been active members of the chamber in 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Section 9 - Small Business of the Year

Only complete this section if applying for Small Business of the Year

Question 17

Explain how your small business defined AND found success in 2022 in Summit County.

(1500 characters or less)

Question 18

Define the top three (3) impacts your small business had in Summit County in 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Question 19

Why do you feel your small business deserves the honor of being the Summit Chamber Business Excellence Awards Small Business of the Year for 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Section 10 - Medium Business of the Year

Only complete this section if applying for Medium Business of the Year

Question 20

Explain how your medium-sized business defined AND found success in 2022 in Summit County.

(1500 characters or less)

Question 21

Define the top three (3) impacts your medium-sized business had in Summit County in 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Question 22

Why do you feel your business deserves the honor of being the Summit Chamber Business Excellence Awards Medium Business of the Year for 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Section 11 - Large Business of the Year

Only complete this section if applying for Large Business of the Year

Question 23

Explain how your large business defined AND found success in 2022 in Summit County.

(1500 characters or less)

Questions 24

Define the top three (3) impacts your large business had in Summit County in 2022.

(1500 characters or less)

Question 25

Why do you feel your business deserves the honor of being the Summit Chamber Business Excellence Awards Large Business of the Year for 2022.

(1500 characters or less)