



**NOMINATION FORM FOR
SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD 2011**

Small businesses are the foundation of the Branson business community and we want to recognize their contribution the area. Please take the opportunity to nominate a deserving small business for the Chamber's annual Small Business of the Year Award. This award is given based on the information on this form; each question has a corresponding value and is rated by a panel of no fewer than four judges. To be eligible for the Small Business of the Year Award, the business must be physically located in Taney or Stone County. The award will be presented at the Small Business of the Year Dinner Tuesday, June 14th at Chateau on the Lake.

The nomination form includes a section to complete for businesses with 5 or fewer employees, and a section for 5 or more employees; COMPLETE ONE SECTION ONLY. Please attach additional pages for your responses, as this form does not include sufficient space for your answers. *Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.*

NOTE: Please complete only the section applicable to the number of people employed by the business you are nominating. This is very important because the questions are somewhat different in each option. Please **DO NOT** nominate your own business or a business with which you are employed.

Business/Individual Submitting the Nomination (Self-nominations and those submitted anonymously will not be accepted):

Name: _____ Date: _____

Business Name and Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Signature: _____

Fax your nomination by May 24, 2011, to Bethany Thomas at 334-4139, drop it by the Chamber of Commerce office at 269 Highway 248, mail it to Bethany Thomas, BLACC/CVB, P.O. Box 1897, Branson MO 65615, or e-mail to bthomas@bransoncvb.com.

OPTION A

NOMINATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS WITH 5 OR FEWER EMPLOYEES

Name of Business: _____ Owner: _____

Physical Address of Business: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Year Founded: _____ Number of Employees: _____

Principle products or services: _____

1. Describe the staying power of this business by providing a brief history of the business.
2. Describe any obstacles faced by the business and the steps taken to overcome those obstacles.
3. Describe any innovative products or services offered: (Try to show the creativity and imagination of the business.)
4. Describe any process used by the business to pursue higher quality and/or operational performance.
5. Describe any involvement of the business with community organizations (i.e. member of the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Branson Main Street Association, Rotary Club, church/school boards, etc.).
6. Please provide additional information to support why you feel this business should receive the Small Business Award.

OPTION B

NOMINATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS WITH MORE THAN 5 EMPLOYEES

Name of Business: _____ Owner: _____

Physical Address of Business: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Year Founded: _____ Number of Employees: _____

Principle products or services: _____

1. Describe the staying power of this business by providing a brief history of the business.

2. Describe any obstacles faced by the business and the steps taken to overcome those obstacles.

3. Describe any innovative products or services offered: (Try to show the creativity and imagination of the business.)

4. Describe any process used by the business to pursue higher quality and/or operational performance.

5. Describe any employee training programs.

6. Describe any involvement of the business, or its management, with community organizations (i.e. member of the Chamber of Commerce, DBMA, lodging or theater associations, Rotary Club, church/school boards, etc.).

7. Please provide additional information to support why you feel this business should receive the Small Business Award.