



Rev. Wesley A. James Minority Business Advocate of the Year Award Official Application Form

The Rev. Wesley A. James Minority Business Advocate award is presented to an organization that has demonstrated extraordinary support for minority business growth and sustainability.

Organization: _____ Year established: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Website: _____

Owner/Key Executive: _____ Title: _____

Email address: _____

Contact (if different): _____ Title: _____

Is your organization currently a member of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce? Yes No

Year your organization joined the Chamber? _____

For all information requested below, use the space provided in this fillable form.

Provide a brief description of your business activity, primary products and/or services.

How does your company advocate or support Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs)?

Choose ONE of the following and answer the applicable number.

ALL applicants will complete #5 - #7. None of these areas is considered of greater importance and will be considered equally.

- _____ Access to Capital (see #1 below)
- _____ Commitment to Supplier Diversity and Procurement Goals (see #2 below)
- _____ Business Support Services (see #3 below)
- _____ Mentor/Protégé Program (see #4 below)

Financial goals are an important/quantifiable indicator of success for the judging panel, and all financial information is confidential. These figures should include loans or contracts to local minority-owned businesses.

#1	Loan Amounts to Minority-Owned Businesses:	2015	2016
	Percentage of total loans:	\$ _____	\$ _____
		% _____	% _____

Describe your lending practices, outreach or education that facilitates MBEs ability to obtain necessary financing.

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#2	Loan Amounts to Minority-Owned Businesses: Percentage of total contracts:	2015	2016
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		% _____	% _____

Describe your organization's goals in dollars or percentage for utilizing local minority-owned businesses.

Describe any future changes in your procurement procedures that will help facilitate continued progress in developing new and innovative minority-owned business recruitment.

#3 Describe in detail the specific services your organization provides MBEs that enhances the growth and sustain ability of their companies.

#4 Describe in detail the formal mentor/protégé program including the selection process/expectations/tracking progress or evaluation of the protégé companies.

ALL applicants must complete #5 through #7.

#5	Community Contributions to the Minority Community:	2015	2016
		\$ _____	\$ _____

Describe local community service activities in which your organization or employees are involved.

#6 Describe a recent success story explaining the role your organization plays in the overall success and growth of minority businesses.

#7 Describe any highlights, achievements, awards and/or recognition your organization has received as it relates to minority business development or advocacy.

Authorization and Consent

If I am selected as the Minority Business Advocate of the Year award winner, I hereby authorize the use of my name, my organization's name, non financial information, photographs, video recordings and audio recordings of me from any source, in connection with the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce's Minority Business Advocate of the Year award program. I agree that no compensation shall be due me or my company for any such usage.

Truth of Information Release

By signing below, I agree that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein is true and complete.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Return completed application by mail or save and email to:

Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, Attn.: Small Business Development Department, 451 Government St., Mobile, AL 36602
drichards@mobilechamber.com

Questions?
Call 251-431-8652