

JAX Chamber  
Small Business Leader of the Year  
2017 Criteria and Nomination Form



**Help us find Jacksonville's Top Small Business Leaders!**

Each year the JAX Chamber salutes the entrepreneurial spirit of Jacksonville's small businesses with the Small Business Leader of the Year Award. This is your opportunity to nominate a member of your Council or Chamber Division who has demonstrated business excellence.

**Criteria:**

A nominee must:

- Be a member of the JAX Chamber in good standing
- Be an owner, partner or share holder of at least 25% of the business
- Be active in the day-to-day management of the company
- Be established locally in the same business for at least three years
- Demonstrate professional business acumen and leadership
- Have gross revenues of less than 5 million dollars per year for the previous three years

Former finalists may re-enter each year. Overall winners may not re-enter for five years.

**Selection Process:**

Each council, as well as the Entrepreneurial Growth Division and Beaches Division, will review nominations submitted to them and select their Small Business Leader of the Year. The selection process is up to the leadership of each council, as long as they use the criteria and meet the selection deadline.

All SBLYs will compete with each other for JAX Chamber Small Business Leader of the Year. The competition will culminate in the announcement of the Chamber Small Business Leader of the Year in January.

The competition consists of completing and submitting a written presentation package that answers various questions about the company's business history and philosophy, as well as completing a 30 minute interview with a panel of judges comprised of the prior year's SBLYs. Neither financial statements nor an accountant's statement of financial viability is required.

**Time Line:**

- Complete 2016 SBLY Selection ..... Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, 5 p.m.  
SBLY Kickoff Meeting ..... Wednesday, Oct. 12, 3-4 p.m.  
SBLY Packages Due at Chamber ..... Monday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.  
SBLY Interviews ..... Monday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Council or Division represented? \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical location (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date business established: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person \_\_\_ an owner \_\_\_ a partner \_\_\_ a shareholder of 25% or more? **(Choose one)**

Are they active in the day-to-day management of this business? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Are the annual gross revenues for the past three years five millions dollars or less? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Brief description of product and/or services: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by:  Self  Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**SBLY Nominee: Please submit this form to your Council or Chamber Division SBLY, with a copy to:**

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