

**NOMINATE A VENDOR, SUPPLIER, OR YOUR FAVORITE
BUSINESS OWNER TODAY!**

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**Annual JEWEL Awards
NOMINATION FORM**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 25th Annual Jewel Awards, honoring African American small business owners and entrepreneurs. Winners will be announced at our live event on February 21, 2026, at the Carl Perkins Civic Center. You or your organization may nominate a business or feel free to nominate your own qualified business. To receive an application packet, interested persons/businesses should complete the information below and mail or email to:

**Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 703
Jackson, TN 38302-0703**

Nomination period November 24, 2025 - January 9, 2026

For more information, call 731-424-2030

or email jacksonmcaacc@gmail.com

Name of Business _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

No. of years in business _____ Field/Industry _____

Award Categories & Eligibility:

Ruby – 1-5 years in business (open to JMCAACC members and non-members)

Diamond – 6-10 years in business (open to JMCAACC members and non-members)

Emerald – 11-20 years in businesses (open to JMCAACC members only)

Jewel – 20+ years in business (open to JMCAACC members only)

Nominated by _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Are you a Chamber member? _____

Note: This is a two-step process. Upon receipt of nomination, a full application packet will be sent to the nominee with a request to complete the business profile and letters of support. A representative of the business must complete the forms and return the completed packet to the address above.

If you have questions, contact our Executive Director, Don A. McCorry at 731.506.8219.

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Eligibility Criteria

*Applicant must be an African American with 51% of ownership.

*Applicant must be a for profit and licensed business operating for a minimum of one (1) year.

*Present business portfolio.

Jewel Awards Entry Application

Name of Business _____

Business Address _____

Name of Owner (s) _____

Year Established _____

Type of operation (Please Check):

Sole Proprietorship _____ partnership _____ Corporation _____

Percentage of African American Ownership _____

Description of Products and Services:

Retail _____ Industrial _____ Service _____

What is the estimated percentage that your business has grown since opening? _____

Please include all the following in the Business portfolio;

1. Typed list of pertinent facts about business that makes it superior to others
 - a. Include description, pictures, brochures, etc.
2. A copy of current business license
3. Typed list of Community involvement
 - a. Include awards, newspaper articles
4. Two (2) typed letters of comments from clients/customers
5. One (1) typed letter of comments from employees, co-workers, and/or owner (if owners and manager are not one in the same).
6. Typed description of your business' innovation
 - a. Improvements to existing products/services
7. A photo of owner(s) and/or staff with the business