

JAX Chamber  
Small Business Leader of the Year  
2024 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 shareholder 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 5 million dollars or less 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, along with Venture Services, the Beaches Division, and Nextup JAX will review submitted nominations and select their Small Business Leader of the Year. The selection process is up to the leadership of each Council. Criteria must be met and deadlines.

All SBLYs will compete with each other for JAX Chamber Overall Small Business Leader of the Year. The competition will culminate with the announcement of the JAX Chamber Overall Small Business Leader of the Year in February, 2024.

The competition consists of completing and submitting a digital presentation package that answers questions about the company's business history and philosophy, as well as completing a thirty-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.

**Timeline:**

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| Complete 2024 SBLY Selection      | Monday, Oct. 16, 5 p.m. |
| 2024 SBLY Kickoff Meeting         | TBD – November, 2023    |
| 2024 SBLY Packages Due to Chamber | TBD – December, 2023    |
| 2023 Wrap Up Meeting              | TBD – December, 2023    |
| SBLY Interviews                   | TBD – January, 2024     |

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

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

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

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

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

Office 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

Do the annual gross revenues for each of the past three years equal five million dollars or less?  
 Yes  No

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

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

**SBLY Nominee: Please submit this form to your current 2023 Council or Chamber Division SBLY, with a copy to:**

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