



ESBY Award Nomination

**Submission Deadline
Extended to January 18, 2019**

Application Form

Our community is rich with entrepreneurs, home-based businesses and small businesses that comprise a significant part of our local economy. To celebrate those individuals and businesses we invite you to apply for our Entrepreneur & Small Business of the Year (ESBY) Awards. The ESBY Award recipients and nominees will be recognized at the Economic Summit and ESBY Awards.

We will be presenting four awards this year. Please check the category you are applying for:

- Solopreneur
- Home-Based Business (3 or less employees)
- Small Business of the Year (10 or less employees)
- Small Business of the Year (11-50 employees).

All nominations are judged by an independent judging panel comprised of various business leaders from around the nation. Fellow business and self-nominations are encouraged and past nominees may re-apply. A business may be selected to receive an award more than once as long as it has been at least five (5) years since they received the award.

If a business has been awarded the monthly 2018 Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce Business of the month, that business will automatically be a nominee for the 2019 ESBY Awards.

Applicant Criteria:

- Be a member in good standing of the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce AND
- have been in business in the area for a minimum of two consecutive years (since 2017).
- Demonstrate a commitment to the community and describe your ability to overcome obstacles.
- Complete the application questions: (1) Business History/Description, (2) Keys to Success, (3) Community Involvement and (4) Reason for Nomination

Name of Business: _____

CEO/Owner: _____

Email: _____ Business Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Website: _____

Number of Full-Time Employees: _____ Number of Part-Time Employees: _____

Application will be reviewed upon completion of ALL questions

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1. Provide a general description of your business. Include primary responsibilities and a brief history. (200 words max)

2. Outline your “keys to success” for your business. (200 words max)

3. List other organizations your business is involved in throughout the Outer Banks region. Please provide general details and describe your involvement with the organization(s).

4. Provide any additional information as to why your business should be chosen as one of the four “2019 Outer Banks Chamber ESBY Award Winners” (200 words max).

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