



2017 Emerging Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Tyler Junior College Small Business Development Center (**Tyler SBDC**) will recognize and celebrate Women Entrepreneurs with the Emerging Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the 19th Annual 2017 Women Entrepreneurs Conference to be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at Holiday Inn Tyler - South Broadway.

Who is eligible to be nominated for this award?

Any woman who owns and operates or who bears principal responsibility for operating a small business in the following counties: Smith, Wood, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, Shelby, Sabine, and San Augustine may be nominated. These are the counties serviced by the Tyler SBDC. ***The business must be in operation no less than one year, but no more than five years and must be successful in profitability and growth.***

Nominees will be evaluated by an independent panel of judges not employed by Tyler SBDC. The top three nominees must be willing to be videotaped for two minutes and attend the 2017 Women Entrepreneurs Conference or send a representative. The top three nominees will be showcased during lunch at the conference where the winner will be announced.

Who may submit nomination forms for this award?

Any individual or organization dedicated to the support of the small business community in East Texas may submit nominations for the 2017 Emerging Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

What information must the nomination form contain?

Nomination forms are available from the Tyler SBDC office (see below) or on our website at www.tylersbdc.com.

What is the deadline for nominations?

All nominations for the Emerging Woman Entrepreneur of the Year must be emailed, postmarked, or hand delivered to the Tyler SBDC no later than Wednesday, November 23, 2016.

Where are the nominations to be sent?

Nominations may be mailed or hand delivered to the following:

Tyler SBDC
1530 SSW Loop 323, Ste. 100
Tyler, TX 75701
Attn: Kay Bookout

or E-mail to Kay Bookout at kboo@tjc.edu.