



## 2026 Metro South Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards

*May 2026 (Date TBD)*

### ***Call for Nominations!***

*All nominations must be submitted no later than Tuesday, April 1, 2026*

We invite you to participate in the annual selection process to name Metro South's "Small Business of the Year and "Entrepreneur of the Year" (presented in May 2026).

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce and Bank of Eastern Bank have joined forces to recognize the achievements and contributions smaller businesses and entrepreneurs make to the creation of jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region.

Throughout the year, small business concerns and issues are essential components of Chamber initiatives and member programs. Each year we turn a special spotlight on small businesses and their valuable contributions to our community.

Please take a few moments to complete this nomination form to recognize a small business or entrepreneur in the Metro South region.

#### **MINIMUM NOMINATION CRITERIA**

*Maximum of one (1) nomination may be submitted in each category. You may nominate your own business.*

*Nominees need not be Chamber members. There is no cost to nominate a company.*

*Please note: incomplete nomination forms and previous recipients will not be considered.*

*All information held in strict confidence. Finalists selected by the committee will be notified and invited to the event.*

#### **Small Business of the Year**

- \* Must have 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees (two part-time employees equal one full-time).
- \* Company must have been in business more than three consecutive years under the current ownership.
  - \* Must be a for-profit business.

#### **Entrepreneur of the Year**

- \* Individual must have been in business less than three years.
- \* Must have fewer than 10 full-time employees (two part-time employees equal one full-time).

\* Must be a for-profit business.



**WEIGHTED NOMINATION CRITERIA**

*Each criterion in the selection process has been assigned a point value.  
The following criteria apply to **both** categories.*

\* **Demonstrates creativity and imagination in the development of its business or in its product or service.**  
**(Value = 10 points)**

\* **Demonstrates growth (Value = 20 points)**

- Employees (5 points)
- Client base (5 points)
- Revenues (5 points)
- Profitability (5 points)

\* **Reflects internal and external social responsibility which includes one or more of the following:**  
**(Value = 30 points)**

- Strong, comprehensive employee relations programs (6 points)
- Efforts by the company and staff to aid or benefit the community through personal involvement and/or donation of other company resources (6 points)
  - Efforts to encourage diversity in its workforce and management (6 points)
- Activity in the business community through involvement in industry or professional organizations (6 points)
  - Development of other programs relating to social and community betterment (6 points)

Companies should be located in one of the following Metro South Communities:

*Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Holbrook, Norwell, Randolph, Rockland, Sharon, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, or Whitman*

My nomination is for:                      \_\_\_\_\_ Small Business                      \_\_\_\_\_ Entrepreneur

Chief Executive/Entrepreneur's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, & Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of full-time equivalent employees (required)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2024                      \_\_\_\_\_ 2025                      \_\_\_\_\_ 2026

Has the business been under the same ownership for the past three years? (Applies only to small business)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination, using weighted criteria above (please attach additional sheet, if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please email or mail form to: Metro South Chamber of Commerce, 60 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301  
or [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com)*

