

**Women Empowered (WE) Summit
One-Year, No-Cost Mentoring Program**

Description: The (no-cost) mentoring program for entrepreneurs/small business and prospective business owners is for a one-year mentoring relationship with the United Corpus Christi Chamber that includes a complimentary one-year small business chamber membership. More information is provided in the supplemental information form.

Goals for the program include to (1) develop a pipeline between financial resources and small businesses, (2) provide financial education, (3) address cultural issues that form barriers to business growth, (4) help small businesses to scale up business activity through mentoring, networking, social media, online and small business resources, and (5) to fully utilize chamber services to promote sales and marketing. Timeline for accomplishing goals will be during a 12-month period with a quarterly review with each small business owner to fine-tune needs and progress.

**Application for Women Empowered (WE) Summit Post-Event Mentoring Program
Mentoring from March 23, 2019 through March 2020**

Name of Applicant: _____

Contact Information:

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ County _____

City _____ State _____

Do you currently have an existing small business? _____yes_____no

Legal Name of Business: _____

Please respond by checking which of the following best describes your business:

Sole Proprietor_____ 1-to-5 employees_____ or, 6 or more employees_____

If you currently have an existing small business, is your business: _____ online,
_____ home-based_____ do you have a storefront _____ sell at special events,
fairs, markets and festivals: _____ other. Explain: _____

What are the biggest challenges with your existing small business you are facing in today's environment?

How do you do your financials for your business? Please pick one response

1. None (ex: Use Bank Statement Only)_____
2. Informal (ex: Keeping Manual Register)_____
3. Formal (ex: Bookkeeper)_____
4. Professional (CPA)_____

Comments:_____

Explain briefly at what stage you are in planning/setting up your business.

What type of research/training have you done on your type of business?

What is your industry experience in the business you are operating or plan to operate in the future?

Intent of Commitment

I understand that I am applying for a no-cost 12-month women empowered mentoring program with the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce that includes a one-year small business membership at no cost to me as a participant. Should I be selected, I commit to attending all sessions, either in person or through webinars, and to follow the required mentoring program. No substitutes are allowed for class participation. Any emergencies for absence will need to be discussed with the UCCCC organizer (Dr. Gilda E. Ramirez, 361-881-1800, gilda@unitedcorpuschristichamber.com) at least 48 hours in advance of the respective session. Two unscheduled absences from training, either in person or by webinar, will disqualify participant from receiving continuing education certification.

Signature of Participant

Date

Please return completed form to Dr. Gilda E. Ramirez, Vice President for Small Business and Education, United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce at gilda@unitedcorpuschristichamber.com or at 602 N. Staples, Ste. 150., Corpus Christi, TX 78401 by 5 p.m. March 14, 2019

