

## Minority and/or Woman Owned Business Person of the Year Sponsored by Safe Federal Credit Union

**Purpose:** To recognize a minority individual who has made contributions of significance in the field of business in the past calendar year or years.

**Recipient Criteria:** The recipient criteria for the Minority and/or Woman Business Person of the Year must be flexible from two standpoints (1) they must be able to change as the business climate changes and (2) they must be able to encompass the immense variety of activity covered by the word business. For this award, minority business is defined as any business operated or controlled at least 51% by a minority or woman.

### Selection Criteria.

1. **Ethical Conduct** – has obtained a successful business record with responsibility toward employees, customers and members of the community.
2. **Reputation** – has earned a high level of respect within the business community and is considered to be a well rounded business person from the standpoint of financial performance, business responsibility and service to the community.
3. **Recognition** – has increased the business image of a local community as viewed on the local, state or national level
4. **Leadership** – has improved the business climate with positive influence
5. **Eligibility** – any candidate who is associated with a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or professional practice and is a member in good standing of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce for at least one-year is eligible for nomination. Elected officials, employees of local, state, or federal government, and heads of eleemosynary charitable organizations – unless they are also involved in business and meet other tests – are ineligible.

### Selection Process

Nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee, which will consist of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Minority Business committee.

**Deadline: March 3rd, 2017**

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

TelephoneNumber/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please state why the nominee should be considered for the Minority of the Year Award based on the established criteria:

**Please Attach separate sheet**

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