



## **Biloxi Chamber of Commerce Small Business Grant Program**

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More than 80% of Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce's membership is comprised of small businesses. Biloxi Chamber of Commerce has instituted a program designed to assist small businesses in rebuilding. Biloxi Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Grant Program will provide financial support for its membership. Fifteen \$1,000 grants will be awarded to selected businesses in Biloxi who meet the specified criteria.

To apply, review the guidelines below and complete the application on the opposite side of this form. You must provide all requested information to be eligible. **The application must be received at the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2008.** Any applications received after the due date will not be considered, including those received in the mail. Completed applications may be faxed to 228-604-0105 or dropped off in person/mailed to: Biloxi Chamber of Commerce Grant, 11975E Seaway Road, Gulfport, MS 39503. Please type or print clearly.

### Guidelines

1. A small business is defined as a business with 50 employees or less.
2. The award will be granted to selected small businesses currently operating or reopening by April 30, 2008, in the City of Biloxi.
3. Applicants must complete the entire application, and it must be typed or written clearly. Please include as much detail as possible.
4. Application for the grant gives permission for the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, staff or a designee to visit the business for evaluation.
5. The decisions of the selection committee will be final.
6. To be eligible, applicants must be operating a Biloxi-based business and be a member of Biloxi Chamber of Commerce by April 30, 2008. Biloxi Chamber of Commerce is an affiliate of Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce. Becoming a member of Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce is synonymous with Biloxi Chamber of Commerce membership. Call 228-604-0014 to join.
7. Applications must be received in the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2008.

*Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization comprised of businesses in Harrison County and throughout South Mississippi. Through a partnership among the Biloxi, Biloxi, Long Beach, and Pass Christian Chambers of Commerce, Coast Chamber promotes community and economic development on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.*

**Biloxi Chamber of Commerce  
Small Business Grant Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently open for business? YES NO

Is your business home-based? YES NO

Business Information:

Form of Business (circle one): Sole Proprietorship Partnership\* Corporation

\*If your business is a partnership, all owners must be listed below.

Type of Services/Products Offered: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Business Originated: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Full-Time Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Business Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Federal ID# \_\_\_\_\_ State ID# \_\_\_\_\_

What date did you join the Biloxi/ MS Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce?

On average how many chamber functions do you attend each year?

Have you or anyone from your company served on any committees with the Chamber?

Give a brief statement on the plans for your business over the next five years.

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Please describe how you plan to use the grant, should you be selected.

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By signing this application, I certify that the information in this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that information will be kept confidential and that the selection of the grant recipients is at the sole discretion of the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*A second signature is required if there is more than one business owner.