



**2025 Rising Star Business  
Award Nomination Form**

***Eligibility:*** Any business that has been operating for 5 years or less as of 12/31/25 and was a 2025 investor in the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce and is in operation at the time of nomination.

***Criteria:*** Demonstrates innovation in product, service, presentation and/or delivery, financial success, exceptional growth and resilience within the business's initial first five years. The principal owner or management demonstrates participation in ongoing professional development, leadership, and participation in activities or events representing his or her profession on a local, regional or national level. Displays honorable and ethical operations and has made an impact on the local business community. Delivers outstanding customer satisfaction and is building a loyal customer base. Demonstrates a philanthropic approach to the community. Recognition by industry peers, establishing a strong and respected brand, and creating a supportive workplace culture to exemplify excellence further.

***To Nominate:*** The general public is invited to nominate a Putnam County business that was a member of the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce at the end of 12/31/2025 and is currently in operation. A committee of local professionals will review nominations and select the recipient. The award will be presented at the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet in May.

Business Name &  
Address of Nominee:

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Business Owner:

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Phone Number  
of Nominee:

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Please detail why you are nominating this business based on the above criteria:

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission:** Nominations due by March 15, 2026. Email to [directoroacc@ottawachamber.org](mailto:directoroacc@ottawachamber.org), mail to Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 68, Ottawa, OH 45875, or stop by chamber office at 129 Court Street, Ottawa OH.