2025 GARRETT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
EMERGING ENTREPRENEUR AWARD
GUIDELINES & NOMINATION FORM

An emerging entrepreneur is someone with the ability to identify new business opportunities and act on these opportunities to bring a business venture to life. Emerging entrepreneurs are inspired by all the exciting opportunities available to them and a willingness to take risks to build, launch, and grow their business. They must be able to adapt to changing circumstances in their business, overcome obstacles, and access opportunities to develop their business further. An emerging entrepreneur must also be able to pitch their ideas, sell their product or service to customers, and build a team of employees, mentors, or supporters to assist them along their journey.

The criteria for nomination include the following:

- Target range of nominees is 20-40 years old
- Business in operation for 2 or more consecutive years
- Nominee must be a member of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce

The winner of the award will be announced during the Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner on Thursday, June 5, 2025. Ben Riegsecker (The Casselman Inn & Restaurant, The Casselman Bakery and Café, Casselman Market, Casselman Creamery, etc.) was the first recipient of the Emerging Entrepreneur Award.

Send Nominations to the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, 15 Visitors Center Drive, McHenry, MD 21541 Or nick@garrettchamber.com

NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 7, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

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Nominators and Nominees Must Be a Member of the Garrett County Chamber

Nominee _____ **Business** _____

Your Name _____ **Business** _____

Please include at least 250 words supporting your nomination (how and when the business was started, challenges nominee has adapted to or overcome, product or service they have pitched, team they've built, etc.)

IF A DESCRIPTION IS NOT PROVIDED, THE NOMINATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED