



Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce

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Vickie Winans to perform Feb. 28 at Jackson Oman Arena

Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce (JMCAACC) is bringing Grammy-nominated, Stellar Award winner Vickie Winans to perform in Jackson at its 13th Annual JEWEL Awards Banquet. The Black History Month event recognizing outstanding African American business owners and entrepreneurs will be held Friday, February 28, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at Oman Arena, 179 Lane Avenue in Jackson. Tickets go on sale January 3. For more information, contact JMCAACC at 731.424.2030 or send an email to aachamber731@yahoo.com.

Businesses can be nominated for awards in four categories -- the Ruby Award for new businesses 1 to 5 years old, the Diamond Award for growing businesses 6-10 years old, the Emerald Award for mature businesses 11-20 years old and the Jewel Award for well-established businesses that have been in operation more than 20 years. The Chamber is looking for businesses throughout Madison County and the rural West Tennessee area.

For nominations, the Chamber has a nomination form but will move forward with just the owner's name, business name and location. However, the nominee must agree to the nomination by sending documents that show and tell about themselves and their business.

Chamber President Clarence Boone said, "We just want to know about them and get their name 'in the hat.' We send a letter congratulating the nominee and requesting more information. We know they're busy so it doesn't have to be complicated. The most important thing is responding and providing a packet that the judges can review." The deadline for nominations is February 1st and business owners must respond to the acknowledgement letter within seven days. Nomination forms are available online at

www.jmcaacc.org and from the chamber office in Jackson. Winners will be announce at the February 28th awards banquet.

J.E.W.E.L is an acronym for "Joining Entrepreneurs with Enterprising Leadership." In addition to recognizing outstanding small business owners, the annual event raises funds for the chamber's Follow Me Into Business® youth development program for ages 12-18. The year-round program meets monthly during the school year and weekly during June and July. The summer program offers business training, hands-on job skills, mentoring, shadowing of member businesses, internships as well as paid employment for ages 15-18.

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