

Guidelines for Receiving the 2024 Brantley County Chamber of Commerce “Create Your Way” Financial Award

The **Create Your Way Award** was created to provide a financial benefit to graduating seniors from Brantley County High School. The Brantley County Chamber of Commerce seeks to administer this award, including collection of funds, oversight of selection, and award presentation in this inaugural year and subsequent years, as funding allows. Initial financial support for the award was provided by a group of area “creators,” artisans, entrepreneurs, business leaders, and community members who value creative minds and ingenuity. This award is given with the realization that excellence and genius is demonstrated in a variety of forms. The Create Your Way award seeks to foster characteristics such as creativity and strategic planning, which can transform communities.

The following criteria will apply:

1. Demonstrated history of application of talents for innovation, creation, invention, creative solutions, business prowess and/or effecting change.
2. Be in academic good-standing upon graduation.
3. Demonstrate qualities of an upstanding citizen (e.g., law-biding, ethical in interactions, respectful of others).
4. Complete an application form, and answer the included questions, with total application not to exceed the current number of (5) pages total.
5. Agreement to applying the award towards educational endeavors, training expenses, or for initiation of a business venture to prepare for implementation of future creative endeavors.

The Brantley An Advisory committee will select the scholarship winner which will be subject to the approval of the Brantley County Chamber of Commerce. Selection will be based on content of responses and will rated blindly, with no identifying information included. *No member of the Advisory Committee, Chamber of Commerce, or his or her immediate family, shall be eligible for scholarship assistance during his or her tenure.*

Applications should be postmarked or submitted to the Brantley County Chamber of Commerce (Drawer B, Nahunta, Georgia 31553) by Friday, May 3, 2024. The award will be presented at the Brantley County High School Honors Night.

The 2024 Create Your Way Award was made possible through donations by the following individuals and area businesses who are proud to support achievement and innovation in Brantley County:

My Sister's Loft (Veronica Burgess, Nahunta)

The Nearly New Store (Kathy Ham Hendrix, Nahunta)

The 44 Companies (Tracy Leroy Harris, Hoboken)

Southern Grace (Robin Helmuth, Hoboken)

Ann Jones (Hoboken)

Savvy Design Market (Penny Leggett, Hortense)

Sugar Dumplings (Kaitlin Stevens, Blackshear and Hoboken)

Dogwood Memories, LLC (Tonya Thompson, Blackshear)

ReStored (Derek Jones, Waycross)

Crossway Realty (Clay Thomas, Waycross)

Sarah Thompson (Brunswick)

Lea King Badya (St. Simons)

Eight Flags Antique Market (Rhonda Shaw, Amelia Island)

The Palette Shop (Emma Collins, Amelia Island)

Cottle & Gunn (Deborah Cottle, Saint Marys)

2024 Brantley County Chamber of Commerce "Create Your Way" Award Application

Applicant Information

Name

Last		First		Middle	
Address _____					
Street		Apt #	City/State		Zip
Telephone _____ / _____		/ _____		Birthdate _____	
Home #		Work #	Cell #		M/D/YR
E-Mail Address _____					

School History

Anticipated Graduation Date _____ GPA _____
Academic Good Standing: Y/N

School Activities

Please indicate the organizations in which you are/were an active member. Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Honor Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Beta Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Class Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Debate | <input type="checkbox"/> Key Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band/Orchestra/Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> HOSA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

Describe Past Creative Projects or Business Endeavors:

Community Service

Please indicate the community service activities in which you have been active.
Check all that apply.

- Community Improvement
- Health/Safety Group
- Performing Arts
- Other _____
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- Peer Counseling
- Recreation Project
- Ethnic/Cultural Org.
- Tutoring
- Church/Youth Group

Honors/Awards

List any honors, awards, or other special recognition you have received for school or community service activities.

Name of Award

Date Received

Future Business Goals

(Please answer each of the following questions.)

How would you use your talents and experiences to make Brantley County better?

Why do you love Brantley County? What makes it a great place to live?

Regardless of whether it could work, what business idea, creative product/art, new invention or opportunity would you like to bring to Brantley County, and why? Sell your idea in a few statements.

Based on the idea presented (or a similar idea of interest), please outline your business plan for getting started. This should not include an established business, but one you wish to start. What components would be needed to make this idea come to fruition? How would you invest this award to prepare for implementation of this or another idea in the future?

How do you plan to make your hometown proud in the future?

Applications must be postmarked by May 3, 2024 (deadline).

Applications received after the deadline or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Submit Applications to or for Questions or Comments, Contact:

Brantley County Chamber of Commerce

Drawer B Nahunta, GA 31553

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