

Experience Columbus Best of US Awards Nominations

* Your Full Name

* Your Email Address

* Full name of the person, business or organization you are nominating (Note: You can self-nominate):

* Award Nomination

- Collaborator of the Year: Small Business/Organization
- Collaborator of the Year: Large Business/Organization
- Tourism Champion: Small Business/Organization
- Tourism Champion: Large Business/Organization
- Experience Columbus Insider of the Year Award

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Tourism Champion: Small Business Category

This award is given to a current Experience Columbus partner with less than 50 full-time employees who is dedicated to advancing the travel economy. In 2025, they led a major initiative that enhanced Columbus' offerings and appeal to visitors. Honorees could be an existing business/organization that developed a new exhibition or event, or a brand-new restaurant, business or attraction. The nomination must include measurable results.

Nominations must be submitted by July 24, 2026.

The winner will be selected by an external subcommittee comprised of community leaders and non-Experience Columbus employees. You may enter more than one Best of US Awards category.

The winner will be announced at TourismUS: Celebrating the Power of Tourism on October 1, 2026, at ScottsMiracle-Gro Field. Secure your tickets [here](#).

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must be an Experience Columbus current partner in good standing as of July 24, 2026. The work must have occurred in 2025. You can nominate yourself or someone else.

* I confirm that the nominee has less than 50 full-time employees.

Yes

* I agree that the nominee is an **Experience Columbus current partner** in good standing and that the work highlighted occurred between **Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2025**.

Yes

* Share a summary of the major initiative that occurred in 2025 that enhanced Columbus' offerings and appeal to visitors (i.e. an existing business/organization that developed a new exhibition or a brand-new restaurant, business or attraction). Please share any relevant background information. (250 words or less)

* What were the results? Please share measurable stats that show the new exhibition, restaurant, attraction or event drove tourism. Include attendance figures or any stats that speak to the success of the project. (100 words or less)

(optional) Is there any additional information you would like to share?

Please upload a high-res logo or photo that is representative of your nomination (may appear on screen at the event).

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If selected as the winner, please upload a photo that can be used on the screen during the Best of US Awards ceremony during TourismUS.

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