SYCAMORE CHAMPIONS FOUNDATION

Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant Application

The Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant provides early-stage financial support to help new small businesses in Sycamore establish stability and long-term success. Grants may be used for start-up expenses such as equipment, marketing, technology, inventory, or business development costs.

Criteria & Application Process

To apply for an Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Operate a business within the 60178 ZIP code.
- Have been in operation for at least nine months at the time of application.
- Be a small business with 10 employees or fewer.
- Demonstrate financial need and a clear plan for growth.
- Be in good standing with all applicable local and state requirements.

The Sycamore Champions Foundation will review each application within 21 business days and notify the business of the funding decision promptly. Grants are awarded up to $500. A business may receive full or partial funding based on assessed need and availability of resources.

Business Name: _____

Owner Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Business Address: _____

Website: _____

Social Media: _____

Date Business Opened: _____

Business Overview & Grant Use

Please attach a separate, clearly labeled response sheet, with answers clearly corresponding to each question listed on the following page.

1. **Describe your business and what product(s) or service(s) you provide.**
   (100-250 words)

2. **What inspired you to start your business?**
   (Briefly share your story and mission.)

3. **How does your business benefit or contribute to the Sycamore community?**
   (100-300 words)

4. **How would you use the grant funds, if awarded?**
   (Please list specific expenses and estimated costs.)

5. **How will funding help strengthen your business in the next 6-18 months?**
   (100-300 words)

6. **Have you received or applied for any other business assistance or funding?**
   (If yes, please describe.)

Supporting Documentation

Applicants must provide:

- Copy of business license or registration.
- W-9 Form (if applicable).
- Photos, marketing materials, or samples.

Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete applications may not be considered.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Grant recipients agree to provide a summary of how funds were used and the impact achieved within twelve months of receipt.

Submit completed applications to:

Sycamore Champions Foundation
519 W State Street
Sycamore, IL 60178

Or email director@sycamorechampions.org