

## Sports &amp; Entertainment

# All Star Hot Wings celebrates 25th anniversary in partnership with the Black Chamber of Memphis to award micro-grants

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 31, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- All Star Hot Wings, a beloved Memphis dining institution known for its wet wings and commitment to the community, is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a special initiative aimed at giving back to the local small business community. In partnership with the Black Chamber of Memphis, the restaurant will award a total of \$10,000 in micro-grants to four deserving small businesses in Shelby County.

## Black Chamber of Memphis & All Star Hot Wings

Founded in 1999 as a small, family-owned establishment, All Star Hot Wings has grown to encompass four locations across the greater Memphis Area. What began with a mission to provide

fresh, made-to-order meals in a fun, family-oriented setting has expanded into a local staple, serving as a gathering place for friends, families, and community events. Over the past 25 years, the restaurant has been more than just a dining spot—it has become a hub for cultural celebrations, neighborhood events, and local sports.

To mark its silver jubilee, All Star Hot Wings is reinforcing its long-standing commitment to community growth and entrepreneurship by supporting fellow small businesses in the area. The grant initiative will award \$2,500 each to four selected businesses, empowering them to fuel growth, build upon their successes, or overcome current challenges.

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### Grant Details:

- Award: Four businesses will receive \$2,500 each.
- Application Deadline: December 1, 2024.
- Winners Announced: December 21, 2024.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a member of the Black Chamber of Memphis.
- Must operate a brick-and-mortar business within Shelby County (no home-based businesses or food trucks).
- Must have been in operation for 2 to 4 years and be active at the time of application.
- Cannot exceed 500 employees and must generate less than \$200,000 in annual net revenue.
- Completion of a Small Business Assessment and a grant application, including two short essays

outlining business growth and the planned use of funds.

### Essay Questions (500 words or less):

1. Outline the growth journey of your business since its founding. What milestones or achievements have marked your progress, and what challenges have you faced along the way? How do you plan to continue growing in the next few years?

2. How do you plan to utilize the \$2,500 grant if awarded? Provide a detailed description of how the funds will be allocated and how they will support your business's growth and stability.

Applicants are required to submit standard business documents, such as a Shelby County Business License, W-9 Form, and recent financial statements, during the application process.

This grant program reflects All Star Hot Wings' ongoing dedication to fostering local economic development and supporting the entrepreneurial spirit that drives Memphis.

To apply, visit [blackchamberofmemphis.com](http://blackchamberofmemphis.com). For questions, contact Jasmine Bowden at [jasmine@bbamemphis.com](mailto:jasmine@bbamemphis.com).

### About All Star Hot Wings:

Since its founding in 1999, All Star Hot Wings has grown from a small family-owned restaurant to a beloved Memphis staple, renowned for its delicious made-to-order meals, variety of wing flavors, and community involvement. With multiple locations across Memphis and Bartlett, All Star Hot Wings continues to be a hub for local culture, gatherings, and support for neighborhood events and charitable initiatives.

## Downtown Memphis is the place to be for Downtown Dining Week to indulge in exclusive menus from downtown restaurants— now that's getting down!

MEMPHIS, TN – November 4, 2024 – Downtown Dining Week officially kicked off on November 4, offering Memphians and visitors alike the opportunity to indulge in exclusive menus at their favorite Downtown restaurants through November 10.

With over 50 participating restaurants, this 15th annual event showcases Memphis's diverse food culture—from fine dining to casual favorites, and brunch to dessert. It also supports the hospitality industry—servers, bartenders, chefs, and front-line staff who make Downtown a top dining destination.

As a bonus, attendees can access discounted parking, thanks to a partnership with Premium Parking. Use 901DINE2 for \$2 (up to



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2 hours) and 901DINE4 for \$4 (up to 4 hours) between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and Sunday at these select locations:

- Huling Lot (395 S Main St)
- First Park Place (21 S 2nd St)
- Shoppers Garage (85 N Front St)
- Gus Lot (316 S Front St)
- Mobility Center (60 Beale St)

Codes can be redeemed via Premium Parking's Web, App, CameraPay, or TextPay.

For more information, visit [downtownmemphis.com/events/downtown-dining-week](http://downtownmemphis.com/events/downtown-dining-week).

About Downtown Memphis Commission  
The Downtown Memphis Com-

mission (DMC) drives Downtown's role as the economic, cultural, and governmental core of our city and county. The DMC is funded by an assessment on commercial property in the Central Business Improvement District (CBID), which is reinvested into funding incentives and activations designed to support the growth of both Downtown's population and appraised commercial property values.

Through investment in Downtown development, infrastructure, vibrancy and activation, we are creating a stronger Downtown Memphis—a Downtown for everyone.

Learn more on the DMC's State of Downtown Dashboard. | [www.downtownmemphis.com](http://www.downtownmemphis.com).

## Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band to take the stage at Gold Strike Theatre in Tunica February 28; Tickets now on sale for fans

TUNICA, Miss. (Nov. 4, 2024) – Rumours ATL is bringing their renowned Fleetwood Mac experience to Gold Strike Theatre inside Gold Strike Casino Resort on Friday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$19.50 and go on sale Nov. 8.

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Fronted by Mekenzie Zimmerman, Adrienne Cottrell and Denny Hanson, Rumours ATL delivers meticulously crafted shows that sell out premier venues across the United States. John

Spiegel, Jim Ramsdell and Daniel Morrison complete the lineup, creating an authentic Fleetwood Mac experience.

With accolades from industry insiders like Grammy-winner Peter Dinklage, their dedication to recreating the Fleetwood Mac magic is evident with each performance.

From a successful 2019 tour in

the Netherlands to glowing testimonials from venue managers like Jason Westbrook and Farrell Roberts, Rumours ATL's musical prowess and magical stage presence leave audiences craving more. For more information on Rumours ATL, visit <https://www.rumoursattribution.com>.

Gold Strike Casino Resort is lo-

cated on the Mississippi River, approximately 30 minutes from downtown Memphis. With more than 1,100 luxury guest rooms, a theater, high-limit gaming, award-winning dining and a sportsbook, Gold Strike is the South's source for energy and excitement. For more information

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