

# Chambliss Startup Group to Partner With TVFCU for 2022 Social on October 18

Join us on October 18, 2022 at 5 p.m. EDT

## Event Details

Date: October 18, 2022

Time: 5 p.m. EDT

Location: Bessie Smith Cultural Center (200 E. M L King Blvd, Chattanooga, TN 37403)

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[Chambliss Startup Group](#) will host its Chambliss Startup Social on October 18, 2022, at the [Bessie Smith Cultural Center](#). This year's event will be held in conjunction with [Tennessee Valley Credit Union's](#) (TVFCU) Fifth Annual [Idea Leap Grant](#) Pitch Competition, where entrepreneurs will have the chance to win grants to assist with expanding their small businesses.

The Chambliss Startup Social will provide entrepreneurs, startup founders, thought leaders, investors, supporters, and established business owners the opportunity to connect.

Following the Startup Social, each of the five finalists will participate in the pitch competition for a chance to win one of five grants to support and expand their small business. The grand prize recipient will receive \$50,000, first place will receive \$20,000, and three runners-up will receive \$10,000.

Event registration is open to the public and is RSVP only. For more details on the event or to register in advance, please visit the TVFCU [Idea Leap Grant website](#).

TVFCU's Idea Leap Grant is an extension of the credit union's Idea Leap Loan Initiative that was created specifically for small businesses in 2016. To date, TVFCU has funded more than \$4 million in loans to emerging and early-stage businesses through the loan initiative. Furthermore, TVFCU has awarded nearly \$200,000 in Idea Leap Grants and scholarships. To celebrate their fifth Idea Leap Grant, the credit union will be awarding \$100,000 at the 2022 event.

Read the Chattanooga Trend article, "[TVFCU to Host Idea Leap Pitch Competition and Luncheon Featuring Local Entrepreneurs and Community Leaders](#)."