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FAQ **JA 18 Under 18 Awards Event**

How do I become one of the 18 Under 18 recipients?

To become an honoree, you must be nominated, complete the application requirements, and then be selected. You can nominate yourself.

Why should I nominate someone?

This is an opportunity to recognize and share a young person's inspiring story and accomplishments with others.

Why should I nominate myself?

Who knows your story better than you? This is your chance to be your biggest cheerleader!

Who is eligible to be nominated for these awards?

Nominations are open to anyone 10-18 years old during the 2022-2023 school year, regardless of gender, sex, race, class, religion, ethnicity, ability, language, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Nominees must reside and attend school in Ashtabula County.

Do nominees have to have participated in JA programming to be eligible?

No; however, involvement in JA programs is considered favorably during the evaluation process.

What's the deadline for nominations?

Nominations open on March 1, 2023 and close on March 31st, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

What should be included in my nomination form?

As a rule of thumb, the more information you can provide, the better the committee will be able to evaluate your submission. See a completed nomination form **HERE**.

Can I submit other supporting documentation (awards, certificates, etc.)?

Yes! Whether you are the nominator or submitting a self-nomination, you will be able to submit supporting documents such as PDFs, videos, photos, etc.

How will judges evaluate each candidate?

A diverse panel of judges has been established and will evaluate each candidate using the following criteria:

Innovative Spirit, defined by a student's demonstrated:

Initiative to meet a defined problem/need, for a defined group or customer, through a solution-oriented approach

Innovative mindset that encourages creative thinking, experimentation, and tolerable risk

Leadership, defined by a student's demonstrated:

Leadership skills (confidence, time management, etc.).

Teamwork (communication, problem-solving, collaboration, integrating perspectives).

Ethics (respect, integrity, understanding differences).

Community/School Involvement, defined by a student's demonstrated:

Sense of caring for and about others

Volunteerism

Community awareness

Involvement in school clubs, activities, sports, academic achievements, etc.

Am I required to attend any in-person events?

Students will be required to attend a media day for headshots and video shoots during the week of XXXX. Students will also be required to attend the 18 Under 18 reception event scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2023

How many in-person tickets will I receive if selected as one of the 18 honorees?

Each honoree will receive a complimentary code for 3 tickets- 1 for themselves and 2 for guests to attend the awards ceremony (includes pre-event reception, dinner, awards, and ice cream sundae bar). Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

How can I tell when and if I was nominated?

All nominations for 18 Under 18 will be kept private. You will be notified if you are selected as one of the 18 finalists.

What if I am selected as one of the 18 but cannot attend the in-person event?

At the time of nominations, the nominator will be asked to best answer whether the nominee is available for in-person attendance at the event. The ability to attend the in-person event will factor into the selection of the 18 candidates.

Where is the event taking place?

The event will be held at The Barn at Hart's Grove, 5926 OH-534 Windsor, OH 44099 on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

What is the attire?

Recipients and guests are encouraged to dress in business casual clothing (no jeans, t-shirts, or anything ripped/distressed). Please contact anthony.pascarella@ja.org with any concerns or questions.

What time are finalists expected at the in-person award ceremony?

On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, finalists should arrive by 5:00 pm.

What is the tentative schedule for the in-person award ceremony?

- 5:00 pm: Students Arrive
- 5:30 pm: Pre-Event Reception
- 6:00 pm: Dinner
- 6:30 pm: Formal Program
- Opening Remarks
- Sponsor Remarks
- Award Presentations
- Closing Remarks
- 7:45 pm: Ice Cream Sundae Bar

How does this opportunity benefit me?

Finalists will be featured in the Gazette Newspaper Special Edition and benefit from a meaningful new network of community leaders and peers. You may receive additional opportunities through event partners and are encouraged to include this honor on your resume or college applications.

What is required of me for media day?

A signed media release form from a parent or guardian, as well as in-person attendance.

Where will media day be held?

The event will be held XX at a location TBD.