



**Junior
Achievement**[™]
of Eastern Ohio



2024 Eighteen Under 18 Nomination Form

Do you know an impressive individual between the ages of 10 and 18? Which future leaders, change makers, and innovators in Ashtabula County deserve recognition? Junior Achievement of Eastern Ohio's eighteen under 18 award is designed to recognize and empower Ashtabula County's young people, who are making a difference in their schools and communities. Eighteen students will be honored and featured in the Gazette Newspapers as well as during an awards ceremony with local community and government leaders.

The deadline for nominations is February 29, 2024. All submissions must include:

- Completed nomination form
- One letter of reference from someone other than the nominator (to be uploaded to the nomination form)
- Optional (not required): A creative submission to support the nomination (photo, video, PowerPoint, song, etc. to be uploaded to the nomination form)

Notes:

It is recommended that you prepare responses for this form in a separate document and save them as you progress, in the event that you are unable to submit the nomination in a single sitting or encounter any errors.

Nominee Criteria:

Nominees must attend school in Ashtabula County (Ohio) and be between the ages of 10 to 18. Nominees must also be able to attend the eighteen under 18 reception event at Running Horse Farm on April 17, 2024. Involvement in JA programs is not required; however, involvement in JA programs is considered favorably during the evaluation process. The previous year honorees are not eligible for a 2024 nomination. Below you will find additional information on judging criteria, which are broken down into three categories.

1. **Innovative Spirit**- a student who possesses:

- Initiative to meet a defined problem/need for a group or customer through a solution-oriented approach
- An innovative mindset that encourages creative thinking, experimentation, and tolerable risk

2. **Leadership**- a student who possesses:

- Leadership Skills
- Team Work
- Ethics

3. **Community/School Involvement**- a student who possesses:

- Sense of caring for and about others
- Volunteerism
- Community Awareness

* Required

1. Nominator First Name *

Derek

2. Nominator Last Name *

Matthews

3. Nominator Phone # *

440-456-7890

4. Nominator Email *

Derek.Matthews@gmail.com

5. Relationship to Nominee *

Mark only one oval.

Teacher

Parent

Guardian

Self Nomination

Other Adult

Nominee Information

6. Nominee Name *

Olivia Johnson

7. Parent/Guardian Name *

Maggie Johnson

8. Nominee or Parent/Guardian Phone *

440-789-3456

9. Nominee School *

Center Lake High School

10. City Where Nominee Lives *

Center Lake

11. Nominee Birthdate *

July 15, 2008

Example: January 7, 2019

12. Nominee Gender *

Mark only one oval.

Female

Male

Prefer not to say

Other

13. Please explain how the nominee demonstrates innovative spirit as outlined in the evaluation criteria: *

Olivia spearheaded a unique fundraiser to help save a community dog park that was slated to be rezoned for condos. She went door to door in the surrounding neighborhoods, collecting petition signatures. She also handed out pamphlets with a QR code that took people to a website she personally created, that had photos of the dog park through the seasons and listed various events that had been held there.

14. Please explain how the nominee demonstrates leadership as outlined in the evaluation criteria: *

Olivia is the captain of her soccer team, and squad leader of the dance line. She is respected and well-liked by her teammates, and she is known for her kindness. Younger students look up to her, because she remains calm and level-headed during stressful situations. Her peers know they can go to her for advice and support when it comes to schoolwork, and her teachers know she can be counted on for leading class discussions and study-groups.

15. Please explain how the nominee demonstrates community involvement as outlined in the evaluation criteria: *

Olivia is a passionate advocate for animals and volunteers several times a week at our local animal shelter. She has organized several fundraisers that help cover the adoption fees for adult cats and dogs, including the first ever "Howl-O-Ween" pet costume contest, held at the Community Center. Olivia has organized "meet and greets" for adoptable animals, and creates posts for the shelter's social media pages to expand awareness of available animals. Olivia has also convinced the local food bank to stock pet food, so needy families can continue to provide for their pets, thus preventing more animals from ending up in shelters.

16. Please explain any extraordinary skillset, talents or intangible qualities that contribute to the nominee's road to achieve success. *

Olivia is an extremely hard-working individual in the classroom and on the soccer field. Her peers are naturally drawn to her positive energy and charisma; she makes friends easily and people trust her to "do the right thing" no matter the situation. She is passionate about helping animals and ending animal abuse, and would like to pursue a career in veterinary care.

17. Letter of Reference (PDF file or Word document. Only the first letter submitted will be considered). *

Files submitted:

18. (Optional) Creative Submission, photo or video

Files submitted:

19. At the time of submission, is the nominee available to attend the Junior Achievement 18 Under 18 event on May 17, 2023, if selected as a recipient? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

20. How did you hear about the nomination opportunity? *

Principal of the school