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of Eastern Ohio



FAQ **JA eighteen under 18 Awards Event**

How do I become one of the eighteen under 18 award 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 2023-2024 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 February 1, 2024 and close on February 29, 2024 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. To see a completed nomination form visit:

easternohio.ja.org

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 (see below):

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

Leadership - a student who possesses:

- Leadership Skills
- Team Work
- Ethics

Community/School Involvement - a student who possesses:

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

Am I required to attend any in-person events?

Students will be required to attend a media day for head shots- date TBA. Students will also be required to attend the eighteen under 18 reception event scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

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, awards, and dinner). Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

How can I tell when and if I was nominated?

All nominations for eighteen 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 nominee must be 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 Running Horse Farm, 389 Stoltz Road, Geneva, Ohio 44041 on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

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 kristen.taylor@ja.org with any concerns or questions.

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

On Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 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: Formal Program with Awards
- 7:00 pm: Dinner
- 7:45 pm: Closing Remarks

How does this opportunity benefit me?

Finalists will be featured in the Gazette Newspapers Special Edition and benefit from a meaningful 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?

Media day will be held at Wall Street Coffee, 52 North Chestnut Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047. Nominees will be notified prior to the date.

**For more information about the eighteen under 18 event, please contact
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Scan the QR Code to learn more and nominate an outstanding student!

