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OUTSTANDING YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The Western Maryland Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), in partnership with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, will be honoring an Outstanding Young Professional at the 2025 Outstanding Business Recognition Awards. Our Outstanding Young Professional will be awarded a plaque and one-year membership to the Western Maryland Jaycees. The award presentation at the banquet will stage each winner's career and personal achievement.

Young men and women in all fields of endeavor may be nominated for the Outstanding Young Professional honor. One or more nominations may be submitted by an individual, organization, association or institution. The winner will be selected by a panel of Chamber Board Members, Past Presidents, and the President of the Western Maryland Jaycees. The winner will be selected on the basis of application and their achievement or contribution in the following areas:

- Personal improvement or accomplishment
 - Entrepreneurial success, economic innovation, political or government service
 - Social improvement, cultural achievement, philanthropic contribution
 - Academic leadership or accomplishment
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Following are rules & directions governing nominations:

- Nominations are open for those age range of 21-40.
- A copy of the nominee's up to date resume must be included with the completed nomination form that including: educational background including degrees, academic honors, professional work history.
- Provide up to date nominee's affiliations within the community, including civic, fraternal, religious, etc groups as well as what role(s) you serve(d).
 - Provide up to date headshot/photo of nominee
- The nominee and nominator must sign the nomination form personally.
- The signature will attest to all facts contained on the form; give permission for publication of the facts; and indicate willingness, barring extreme circumstances, to attend the Young Professional Event, if the nominee is under final consideration for the Outstanding Young Professional award.
- All information must be completed on this form in the space provided.

All entries must be received no later than September 05, 2025 and submitted to:

WMD Jaycees Secretary Emily McKenzie at wmdjaycess@gmail.com

- Nominator must complete the questionnaire attached regarding the nominees accomplishments and purpose of nomination.
- If selected as awardee both nominator & nominee understand they must be present at The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 2025 Outstanding Business Recognition Awards and be recognized as well as do an introduction and acceptance speech on stage.
- If selected as awardee, nominator will be contacted by Emily McKenzie and awardee's name may be included on invitations and other marketing materials regarding the Awards banquet to be distributed to the full Chamber membership and general public.

Nominator Understanding

I have read and understand the preceding information. I attest to all facts contained on this form and give permission for the facts to be used for publication.

Signature _____

Date _____



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Please select at least one category under which you feel that your nominee has made achievements

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/ Entrepreneurial Accomplishment | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Accomplishment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political/ Governmental Affairs Accomplishment | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific/Environmental/Technology Accomplishment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Youth Outreach Accomplishment | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal/Professional Improvement Accomplishment |

Please select all traits you feel that your nominee possess.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambition | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem-Solving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Teamwork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedication | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eagerness to learn | <input type="checkbox"/> Passion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Discipline |

Have you nominated this person previously?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

If yes, please list year that they were nominated:

Is this person a current member of the Western Maryland Jaycees?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes

Please provide nominee's affiliations within the community, including civic, fraternal, religious, etc groups as well as what role(s) they serve(d).

Organization Name

Date & Role(s) Serve(d)

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Please write any additional information below that you feel that makes your nominee the most deserving of the award of 2025 Outstanding Young Professional Award.

Thank you for your nomination.



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Evaluation Form

This Evaluation Tool will be applied to the nominations for the 2025 Outstanding Young Professional of the Year Award by the Evaluation Committee

****TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE****

Basic Information

Nominee Name: (Last) ----- (First)-----
Nominator Name: (Last) ----- (First)-----

Requirements

Is the Nominee between the ages of 21 and 40, inclusive, as of July 31, 2025?

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Yes

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No

****If NO, the nomination shall not be further considered****

Based on the nominee's resume & the nominator's questionnaire and responses, rank the NOMINEE in the following categories:

Demonstrated Commitment to and excellence in:	Very Weak 0-2	Weak 1-3	Average 4-5	Strong 6-9	Very Strong 10
Professional Achievement					
Community Involvement					
Personal Improvement or Accomplishment					
Entrepreneurial Success, Economic Innovation, Political or Government Service					
Social improvement, cultural achievement, philanthropic contribution					
Academic leadership or accomplishment					

----- Total Evaluation Points