

Frequently Asked Questions

What is 18 Under Eighteen: Career in Sight?

We're excited to announce our inaugural "18 Under Eighteen: Career in Sight" award, recognizing young leaders in the Junior Achievement (JA) Middletown Area who show leadership, service, and entrepreneurial spirit in their chosen Career Cluster. This award celebrates students working hard towards their dreams and making an impact in their field and community.

How do I become one of the 18 Under Eighteen honorees?

You must be nominated or self-nominated and then selected as a recipient.

Why should I nominate someone?

We are helping young people identify and pursue their career pathways. This is an opportunity to recognize and share someone's inspiring story and accomplishments with others.

Why should I nominate myself?

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

How does this opportunity benefit me or someone that I am nominating?

The 18 honorees will be featured on social media and will be featured during the awards ceremony. Honorees will benefit from a meaningful new network of community leaders and peers and may receive additional opportunities through event partners. The 18 honorees will also participate in leadership workshops with JA and Miami University Middletown.

Who is eligible to be nominated for these awards?

Any student 18 years or younger in the 2024-2025 school year living in one of the following JA Middletown Area school districts. Private school and homeschooled students within these districts are also eligible.

- Bishop Fenwick/John XXIII
- Carlisle Local School District
- Edgewood City School District
- Franklin City School District
- Lebanon City School District
- Madison Local School District
- Middletown City School District
- Monroe Local School District
- Springboro School District
- Valley View Local School District
- Wayne Local School District

Do nominees have to have participated in Junior Achievement programming to be eligible? No.

What is the deadline for nominations?

The deadline for applying is **October 25, 2024, at 11:59 pm.**

What qualities are judges looking for?

The judges will evaluate each nominee in the following categories: leadership, extraordinary skillsets in the chosen career cluster pathway, community service, and any talent or intangible qualities that contribute to the nominee's road to success.

Who makes up the committee of judges?

The committee is a diverse panel of "experts" from each career pathway found in corporate, non-profit, community, and educational sectors in our area.

(Anyone interested in interviewing students from a certain career cluster pathway contact Maria.Langendorf@ja.org)

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

Yes. Everything must be submitted by the October 25th deadline.

Can I edit my application or nomination after it has been submitted?

After submission, applications will no longer be open for edits.

How will I know if I am a finalist?

All applicants will be notified if they are to advance to the interview process on November 1, 2024. Those applicants selected to advance to the interview will be notified of the dates available for the interview on November 19, 20, and 21, 2024. A link will be provided to schedule the interviews.

How long are finalist interviews?

Each interview will be no more than 30 minutes.

Are finalist interviews in person or virtual?

The preference is to interview in person, but arrangements can be made for virtual.

How and when will I be notified of the judges' decision?

All finalists will be notified of their selection status on December 1, 2024, via email.

If I am selected as one of the 18 honorees, can I immediately announce my acceptance?

JA will not be announcing the 18 honorees until December 15, 2024. All nominees will receive a full media kit including their headshot, promotional video, and sample social media posts and copy. We ask all honorees to hold public announcements until December 15th.

As one of the 18 honorees, am I required to attend any events?

Yes.

All events will be held at Miami University Middletown (4200 N. University Blvd, Middletown OH 45042)

- Honorees will be required to attend a Media Day – for headshots and personal, promotional videos on December 10, 11, or 12th. (Dress code: business professional is preferred)
- Honorees are required to attend the Leadership Day on January 16, 2025. (Dress code: casual/school appropriate)
- Honorees will also be required to attend the 18 Under Eighteen: Career in Sight awards recognition event on February 11, 2025 (Dress code: evening wear or business professional is preferred - no jeans or anything ripped/distressed).

What is required of me as an honoree for Media Day?

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

What does the recognition event consist of?

Details will be released closer to the event date.

(For sponsorship opportunities contact Maria.Langendorf@ja.org)

Can I bring a guest as one of the 18 honorees?

Yes. Details will be released closer to the event date.

To learn more about the Career Clusters, sponsoring the gala, or to purchase tickets to the event, visit

<https://applyregionals.miamioh.edu/register/JA18Under2024>.

For further information contact Maria.langendorf@ja.org.

Let's celebrate the future leaders of our community!

