

JA 18 Under 18 FAQ



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

To become a recipient of the Junior Achievement of Central Maryland (JA) 18 Under 18 Awards, you must be nominated or self-nominated and then selected as a recipient.

Why should I nominate someone?

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 best other than you? This is your chance to be your biggest cheerleader!

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

The JA 18 Under 18 honorees will receive:

- Recognition in the media
- A personal column in the June 2024 issue of the *Baltimore magazine*
- Professional headshots
- Networking, mentoring, and potential internship and job opportunities
- Attendance and involvement at future JA events
- Gifts from partners

Who is eligible to be nominated for these awards?

Nominations are open anyone born on or after April 30th, 2005 regardless of their gender, sex, race, class, religion, ethnicity, ability, language, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Nominees must reside within one of the counties or cities that encompass Junior Achievement of Central Maryland's coverage area:

- Anne Arundel County
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Carroll County
- Frederick County
- Harford County
- Howard County
- Kent County
- Queen Anne's County

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

No.

What's the deadline for nominations?

The deadline for nominations is January 15th, 2024.

What are the judges looking for with each nominee?

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The judges will evaluate each nominee in the following categories: leadership, community service, entrepreneurial spirit, extraordinary skillsets, 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 made up of a diverse panel of judges in the corporate, non-profit, community, and educational sectors of our region.

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

Yes. Whether you are the nominator or submitting a self-nomination, you can submit supporting documents. The deadline for nominations is January 15th, 2024, at midnight EST.

Can I make changes to my application?

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

How can I tell when and how I was nominated?

All nominators for JA 18 Under 18 will be kept private.

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

All finalists will be notified of their selection status on February 1st via email.

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

JA will not be announcing the 2024 honoree class to the public until May 1st, 2024. All honorees will be provided a full media kit that will include their professional headshots, sample social media posts and copy. We ask all honorees to hold public announcements until May 1st, 2024.

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

- Honorees will be required to attend an in-person headshot commitment at the JA facility in the early 2024. Date and time slots will be provided at a later time.
- Honorees will also be required to attend the JA 18 Under 18 reception event scheduled for June 5th, 2024 from 7pm – 9pm.

Where will the reception take place?

The event will be held at our JA Youth Workforce & Innovation Center located at 1725 Twin Springs Road, Baltimore, MD 21227.

What is the attire?

All attendees are encouraged to dress as formally as they are able for the event. Semi-formal attire is preferred (no jeans, sleeveless shirts, or anything ripped/distressed). Please contact Amber Anthony at aanthony@jamyland.org with any concerns or questions.

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

Each honoree will receive a complimentary code for (3) tickets. (1) for themselves and (2) for guests to the in-person award reception. All attendees will still need to register for the event utilizing the complimentary code provided. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

What if the attendee 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.