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introduction

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The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and YP Nashville annually present the Nashville Emerging Leader Awards.

The Nashville Emerging Leader Awards program is designed to salute and applaud Middle Tennessee's young professionals under the age of 40 for significant accomplishments in their chosen professional field, as well as their commitment and contribution to the community.

By celebrating achievement and excellence, the NELAs seek to recognize and honor Nashville-area young professionals. NELAs are given in 15 industry categories, and one Impact Award is given to someone who has displayed outstanding leadership toward the YP demographic.

15 INDUSTRY CATEGORIES-
NELAs will be given in each of these selected industry categories:

Architecture, Engineering & Construction
Arts, Entertainment and Music Business
Business Services
Community Service and Nonprofit
Education
Environment and Sustainability
Financial Services
Government and Public Affairs
Hospitality and Tourism
Human Resources
Legal Services
Medical and Health Care Services
Public Relations, Advertising and Marketing
Real Estate Services
Technology

If an applicant fits into more than one industry, he or she may choose the best fit, as only one application will be accepted per person.

Winners receive:

Nashville Emerging Leader Distinguished Achievement Award for display in office
Special recognition in *The Tennessean*
Special recognition on YPNashville.org and TheNELAs.com
Opportunity for involvement with future NELAs

The NELAs are held annually in July or August. This awards ceremony is presented by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and YP Nashville. YP Nashville is a partnership between the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and young professional organizations working to engage, connect and empower young professionals to actively shape the future of the Nashville region. Visit www.YPNashville.org for more information.

We thank all applicants and judges who participate annually in the Nashville Emerging Leader Awards process.

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ELIGIBILITY-
The Nashville Emerging Leader Awards are open to individuals under the age of 40 who live or work in the Nashville area. The Nashville area is comprised of Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Maury, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties.

The following individuals are not eligible to apply:
- YP Nashville Chair
- Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce staff
- NELA judges **
- Previous NELA recipients (previous NELA finalists may reapply)

*** Spouses and immediate family of these individuals are only eligible to apply in an industry not judged by their spouse / family member.*

ENTRY FEE-
There is no entry/application fee.

DISQUALIFICATION-
It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that his/her application is correct and complete. Judges reserve the right to disqualify any applicant for lack of completion of the required information.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS-
Visit www.thenelas.com to download an application with instructions or to nominate an individual for this award. An application will be sent to anyone who is recommended.

SUBMISSION-
Materials submitted after the deadline will not be considered. All items submitted for purposes of the NELAs become the sole property of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce to be used for the purpose of selecting nominees for achievements.

AWARD SELECTION-
Applications will go through two rounds of judging based on the applicant's answers to each question; level of professional achievement; demonstrated leadership; and community impact. Winners in each industry will be determined by a selection committee comprised of a diverse group of community leaders and industry experts within each of the 15 categories. All applicants will receive notification in early June of the finalists in each industry.

SCORING-
Judges' scores are tabulated by KraftCPAs PLLC.

QUESTIONS-
Visit www.thenelas.com or contact Rebecca Leslie at RLeslie@NashvilleChamber.com or 615-743-3051.