

2019 Haitian American Young Professional Awards Rules/Criteria

What is the U.S. HAITIAN CHAMBER Haitian American Young Professional Awards?

The U.S. HAITIAN CHAMBER Haitian American Young Professional Awards recognize Young Professionals under the age of 45 who continually demonstrate outstanding leadership, Exemplary professional accomplishments and commitment to their communities.

Dates for nomination submission?

December 25, 2018 to January 30, 2019

Who can be nominated?

The U.S. HAITIAN CHAMBER Haitian American Young Professional Awards are open to professionals who are under 45 years of age (born **after** Dec. 31, 1973).

Can I nominate myself?

Yes, if you are under 45. Remember, nominees must have been born **after** Dec. 31, 1973, to be eligible.

Can I nominate more than one person?

Yes. If you feel there are several individuals who deserve consideration, please submit their nominations. There is no limit to the number of submissions you can make, but please note that you'll need to send supporting materials for all nominated individuals.

Is there a fee for making a nomination?

No. There is no fee associated with the U.S. HAITIAN CHAMBER Haitian American Young Professional Awards.

How do I know if my nomination went through? Will I receive a confirmation?

Yes. After submitting your entry information (via the Google online entry form), you will receive a confirmation email.

How will I know if my nominee was selected?

The finalists will be posted on www.ushaitianchamber.org and through social media platforms. A panel of judges will select 20 finalists. Two winners will be selected from each category. All winners will be announced at the award ceremony on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

What are the criteria for selecting a U.S. HAITIAN CHAMBER Haitian American Young Professional Awards winner, and how does the selection process work?

Nominations will be judged by a committee. Committee includes board members of the Haitian American Business Expo, Inc. / U.S. Haitian Chamber of Commerce and Haitian business professionals in the Haitian community in Massachusetts.

Some of the qualities and characteristics the committee will be looking for:

Core Criteria include:

- Leadership development
- Industry Involvement
- Career progress
- Innovation

Additional criteria can include:

- Community outreach/volunteer work
- Continuing education
- Personal information

What materials do I need to send in support of my nomination(s)?

A personal statement, résumé and supporting materials that make it easy for judges to see why your nominee is a standout in industry. The brief personal statement should touch on as many of the following topics as possible:

- Leadership development
- Industry Involvement
- Career progress
- Innovation

Additional supporting materials can include:

- Headshot (required)
- Nominee's résumé
- Descriptions of the nominee's work or projects
- Newspaper or publication clippings about the nominee
- Testimonials from clients or others familiar with the nominee's work
- Awards received