

## **2022 Haitian American Young Professional Awards Rules/Criteria**

### **What are 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?**

May 23, 2022 – August 7, 2022

### **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, 1976).

### **Can I nominate myself?**

Yes, if you are under 45. Remember, nominees must have been born **after** Dec. 31, 1976.

### **Can I nominate someone who is a previous recipient of one of the awards?**

Yes, as long as the nomination is for a category other than the one, they previously won the award.

### **Can I nominate more than one person?**

Yes. If you feel several individuals deserve consideration, please submit their nominations. There is no limit to the number of submissions you can make, but please note that you 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](http://www.ushaitianchamber.org) and through social media platforms. A panel of judges will select 25 finalists. Two winners will be selected from each category. All winners will be announced at the award ceremony.

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

A committee will judge nominations. The 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 the industry. The brief personal information 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