



Young Professional of the Year award criteria

This document was created for planning purposes only and does not serve as the awards nomination form. Award submissions are completed online.

Beginning in Oct. 2025, the Young Professional of the Year no longer requires a two-step process. It is now following the same procedure as the Hall of Fame, Professional of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Small CU Achiever's awards.

Simply complete the nomination form online. You may nominate yourself or someone else.

You will be asked your name and contact information, and the nominee's name and credit union (if nominating someone else). Additional questions:

- Nominee's Years in the Credit Union Movement:
- Nominee's Years at their Credit Union:
- **Charting the Course:** Outline the nominee's professional activities within their respective credit union and the movement. How have they demonstrated the ability to use their knowledge and skill sets to bring value to their credit union?
- **Leadership:** Describe how the nominee has taken charge, inspired positive change, and motivated others within their credit union, the movement, and/or community.
- **Mentorship:** Explain how the nominee has helped other young professionals grow and develop personally and professionally by leveraging their resources, knowledge and/or relationships.
- **Aspirations:** Outline what the nominee hopes to accomplish for the credit union movement throughout their career, and how they plan to do so. What are their professional development goals and what steps are they taking toward achieving these goals (e.g. taking advantage of Cornerstone professional development training opportunities, participating in Cornerstone's YP Advisors initiative, networking with other young professionals, etc.)
- **Engagement:** Indicate if you have participated in outreach efforts, young professional and advocacy events, and if receive League communications (e.g. the Leaguer) and follow YPs on social media.
- **Recommendation Letter:** One letter of support is required. More can be submitted.

The YP of the Year is not an annual award; rather it is presented based on the proven achievements and worthiness of candidates. Nomination forms are reviewed and winners selected by the YP Advisors.

For questions about this award, contact Bailey Brooks, bbrooks@cornerstoneleague.coop.