



## 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.

**Submitting a nomination for the YP award is a two-step process:**

**STEP 1:** [Nominate a young professional](#). The individual will be notified of their nomination. Individuals may nominate themselves or others.

Criteria required to nominate an individual:

- Your name and email address and the name of nominee, their credit union and nominee's email address
- An explanation of why you are nominating this individual

**STEP 2:** The nominee will be required to complete the second part of the process to move forward to judging. Criteria includes demographic information like title, city, state, credit union asset size and the following questions around leadership, mentoring others, aspirations and engagement:

- Number of years at credit union and in the credit union movement:
- Outline your professional activities within your respective credit union and the movement. How have you demonstrated your ability to utilize your knowledge and skill sets to bring value to your credit union?
- Describe how you have taken charge, inspired positive change, and motivated others within your credit union, the movement, and/or community.
- Explain how you have helped other young professionals grow and develop personally and professionally by leveraging your resources, knowledge and/or relationships.
- Outline what you hope to accomplish for the credit union movement throughout your career, and how you plan to do so. What are your professional development goals and what steps are you taking toward achieving these goals (e.g. are you taking advantage of Cornerstone professional development training opportunities, participating in Cornerstone's YP Advisors initiative, networking with other young professionals, etc.)
- 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.

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.