GAITHERSBURG GERMANTOWN UPCOUNTY CHAMBER

14TH Annual Young Professional of the Year Award Application
2026 Application

Purpose: To recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of a highly motivated, emerging leader of the Chamber's Young Professionals Group.

Criteria:

- You must be a member of the GG Upcounty Chamber in good standing.
- You must be an active member of the GG Upcounty Chamber's Emerging Professionals Group Committee.
- Applicant should demonstrate excellence and creativity and show initiative in their company or profession.
- Applicant should provide valuable service by contributing time and energy in service to the community.
- Applicant shall clearly serve as a role model for others personally and professionally.
- Must be between the ages of 21-45 years old.
- At least one or more years of professional experience in your current career.

Decision: The winner of the Young Professional of the Year award will be determined by a committee review of the applications.

Application Process: The entry deadline will be at **5pm November 1, 2026, via email to pross@ggchamber.org**. The award will be presented at the gala on December 1, 2026. The awardee and one guest will be invited to attend the gala to accept the award.

Prior winners are not eligible.

Application:

1. Contact Information:
   - Name:
   - Title:
   - Company:
   - Email:
   - Phone

2. Professional Tenure:
   - # Of years with current company:
   - # Of years in career field:

3. How do you exhibit a strong commitment to your profession? (250 words max)

4. Describe how you demonstrate leadership? List your current and past professional leadership positions. (250 words max)

5. What do you consider the greatest challenge facing your profession today? (250 words max)

6. How do you make a positive impact in the community? List your volunteer activities. (250 words max)

7. Awards/Honors – List any professional awards or honors received.