

# 20 UNDER FORTY

A PROGRAM OF THE OPELIKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Opelika's Top 20 Under 40 program, a part of the Opelika Chamber of Commerce, is looking for 20 outstanding people under the age of 40 who live in Opelika, love Opelika, and have a vested interest in shaping the direction of this city's future. You will be encouraged to think outside of the box and challenged to improve the quality of life in our city.

Participants for the 2020-2021 class of 20 Under 40 will be introduced at the Chamber's Annual Meeting, held on June 17, from 11:30 am to 1 pm at Opelika High School. If you are selected as a participant, you are encouraged to attend. There will also be a mandatory full day orientation session on Saturday, August 8th. Meetings will begin in August and will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 - 6:30 pm. A Saturday afternoon retreat is also planned for January 9.

Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by someone who recognizes them as an up and coming civic leader. Candidates must meet the following qualifications for consideration:

- 1) Live in Opelika city limits
- 2) Be under the age of 40\*
- 3) Demonstrate a love for Opelika
- 4) Be a forward-thinking person

Nomination forms are available online at [www.opelikachamber.com/20-under-40](http://www.opelikachamber.com/20-under-40).

***Applicants are also required to provide two letters of reference about why you would be a good class member, which must be delivered with the application sealed in an envelope.***

Each applicant (or employer) should also send a check for \$300 with their completed application. If the applicant is not selected, his/her check will be returned.

***The deadline for submission is May 15, 2020.***

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*\*People of the ages 41,42 and 43 will also be considered.*

**Information about the Applicant**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Were you nominated by someone? **Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_

If yes, please include nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you being sponsored, or will you be self-sponsored? \_\_\_\_\_

If a scholarship is available, will you be applying for consideration? **Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_

If you are not selected as a scholarship recipient, will that prohibit your ability to participate in the program? **Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_

Do you want your company name listed with any official 20 under 40 materials (i.e. nametag, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please complete the next section. If not, please skip.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you (or your company) a member of the Opelika Chamber of Commerce? **Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_

Have you informed your employer that you have applied for this program? **Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_

*Please answer the following questions. If additional space is needed, please attach additional pages.*

**1) What interests you most about Opelika's Top 20 under 40 program?**

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**2) What do you expect to gain from participating in this program?**

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**3) What interests you about the City of Opelika and its future progress?**

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**4) What makes you a good fit for Opelika's Top 20 under 40 program?**

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**5) Please list your volunteer and leadership program experience you have had.**

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**6) What is your 5-year and/or 10-year plan professionally and/or personally?**

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**Although this is a fillable PDF, you must still print out and deliver to the Chamber of Commerce along with your two letters of reference inside sealed envelopes by May 15, 2020.**