

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 2018-2019 class of 20 under 40 will be introduced at the Chamber's Annual Meeting, held on June 20th, from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Bottling Plant Event Center. If you are selected as a participant, you are encouraged to attend. There will also be a mandatory full day orientation session on a Saturday in August. Meetings will begin in September and will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 4 - 6 pm. A Sunday afternoon retreat is also planned for January.

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
- 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. Applicants are also required to provide two letters of reference, which can be provided electronically directly to psmith@opelikachamber.com. Each applicant (or employer) should also send a check for \$250 with their completed application. If the applicant is not selected, his/her check will be returned. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2018.

For more information, contact:

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This application must be postmarked, emailed or delivered no later than March 31, 2018. Submit this form to the Opelika Chamber of Commerce by email to psmith@opelikachamber.com, Fax at 334.749.4740, or mail to P.O. Box 2366, Opelika, Alabama 36803.

Information about the Applicant

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Were you nominated by someone? **Yes / No**

If yes, please include nominators 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**

Please continue on the next page to complete the following questions and answers. If additional space is needed, please attach additional pages.

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

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

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

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

5) Please list your volunteer and leadership program experience.