Young Professional of the Year Award
Standard Operating Procedure

The Young Professional of the Year Award recognizes the achievements of a young professional in the Volusia County area. This award is presented to an individual who demonstrates a high level of leadership, strong community involvement and commitment to local business and personal growth.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Nominee must be 40 years of age or younger.
- Nominee must live or work in the Volusia County area and be a current member of the VYPG in good standing.
- Nominee must be an active member of the VYPG by participating in multiple activities, events, and meetings throughout the year.
- Nominee must demonstrate a level of success in their chosen profession.
- Nominee must show a desire to improve their community through being active in local non-profits, charities, and/or civic service.

Nomination Process:

Nominators must submit an official VYPG-provided application, which includes a short statement on why the person being nominated deserves the award as well as supplemental information regarding the nominee's personal and professional achievements.

All nominations must be submitted **no later than June 20th** to Joshua Caudill, Program Manager for the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce, at Joshua@daytonachamber.com; and, VYPG Past President, at Parker Cook, at parkerlane@me.com.

The Chamber Liaison and past VYPG president will redact identifying information about each candidate, including name, email, and phone number, leaving only the reasons for nomination. The past VYPG president will then submit all redacted nomination forms to the current VYPG president.

All nominations will then be reviewed by the VYPG Nominating Committee, who will narrow the voting pool down to the top 3 most deserving candidates. If a nominee is on the Nominating Committee, they will not be permitted to cast a vote.

The top 3 nominations will be sent to the Chamber Awards Selection Task Force. This committee will review the nominations and select the winner. If there is a tie vote, the current Board Chair of the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce will settle the tie.

The winner will be announced in early September and honored at the Daytona Regional Chamber's Annual Awards Luncheon on September 30th, 2026.

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Nomination Form

Nomination forms are due no later than June 20th, 2026.
Please fill out each section – incomplete forms will not be considered for eligibility.

Nominator:_____

Company/Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee: _____

Company/Affiliation: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Age: _____

Phone: _____

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Personal Statement about Nominee:

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Nominee's Professional Achievements & Accolades:

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Nominee's Community Service:

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Additional Information about Nominee:

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Thank you for your submission! If completing this form by hand, please email it to Joshua Caudill, Program Manager for the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce, at Joshua@daytonachamber.com; and Parker Cook, VYPG Past President, at parkerlane@me.com. If completing the form online, your nomination will automatically be submitted to the appropriate parties.