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REALTORS® To Watch Award FAQ

How can I submit my application?

The award accepts applications from Oct 1st to Dec 1st of the award year. The application, when open, will be available on the texasrealestate.com/ypnaward page.

Who's eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants are under 40 as of August 1 of the award year, are current REALTORS®, hold a valid license to practice real estate in Texas, and have never been disciplined for an ethics code violation.

What is the age cut-off?

Eligible applicants are under 40 as of August 1 of the award year. For example, if you are applying for the award in 2023, you must be under 40 by August 1, 2023. You are ineligible to apply if your 40th birthday falls before Aug. 20 of the award year.

What is the deadline?

Applications are due before midnight on December 1st of the award year.

What is the judging panel looking for?

The judges panel consists of the YPN Committee Leadership and Texas REALTORS® Association Staff.

How does the selection process happen?

The judges will evaluate applicants based on a score sheet that defines the experience and characteristics featured in the award application, such as leadership, community, etc. Some criteria will be worth more than others; you can see how each question is weighed in the application. Be sure to leave thoughtful, detailed responses so the judges can score your application adequately.

Will I have to submit letters of recommendation?

No, this award does not accept letters of recommendation.

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Can I nominate someone else for the award?

Due to the personal nature of the questions, you cannot nominate someone else for the award. However, you can encourage someone to apply for the award.

Can I submit other supporting documents?

No. The judges have sufficient information from the application to determine award recipients.

How and when will I be notified of the judging panel's decision?

All candidates are notified by mid-January via email.

How will the winners be announced?

The winners are announced at the annual Texas REALTORS® Winter Meeting.

Will there be an awards ceremony?

While there isn't a formal awards ceremony, all honorees are recognized during the annual Texas REALTORS® *Winter Meeting*.

Please visit texasrealestate.com/ypn award for more resources and information. If you require assistance or your question has not been answered, call or email Texas REALTORS®, and the Texas YPN Staff Liaison will get back to you shortly.

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