

TOP 30 UNDER 30 “Future Leaders Of Charlotte” 2017 FAQ's

How do I nominate someone for TOP 30 UNDER 2017?

To nominate someone visit us online after Monday, January 9 2017 and just fill out the nomination form.

A nomination is easy. You just need your nominee's full name, place of employment, job title, phone number, e-mail address and a brief explanation of why you think they should be named to the TOP 30 UNDER 30.

Then we go straight to the source and get all the information we need directly from the nominee.

Can I nominate more than one person?

You can nominate as many people as you'd like. And you can nominate colleagues, friends, family members or someone you know through their work in the community.

Will the nominees be told who nominated them?

No. The nominees will be told that they were nominated and that they need to fill out a second form to complete the nomination, but we won't tell them who nominated them (but you can feel free to tell them yourself if you'd like).

What makes someone a good candidate for TOP 30 UNDER 30 2017?

Top 30s are the best and brightest in the city. They are all different but they are all high achievers. They include business people, entrepreneurs, artists, designers, athletes, community organizers, politicians, teachers, inventors and more. They give back to the community and elevate the city through their work, whether that be in their career or volunteer work. They inspire us through everything they do.

Does being nominated multiple times help my nominee? Does it show that many people wanted them on the list?

No. The judges look mainly at the second form that has been filled out by the nominees themselves. While you may want to ensure that your nominee was considered and nominated, the main person who will be impressed by multiple nominations will be the nominee, not the judges.

The person I want to nominate lives outside the city limits but they work in the city, are they eligible?

Yes. All Top 30s should have a strong connection to Charlotte. They should live in or around the city or work in and around the city. If their home address is just outside the city limits, we're not worried. If they live in another city entirely, and do not work in the city, they are not eligible. But, if in doubt, nominate and we'll sort it out.

I received an e-mail saying I was nominated, what do I do now?

Congratulations, someone has nominated you for Elevate Lifestyle TOP 30 UNDER 30. To accept the nomination you must fill out the nominee form by no later than March 30th, 2017. The form includes questions about your career achievements, education, volunteering and community work. It also asks for references from your work and volunteering experiences. The e-mail you received telling you that you were nominated includes a link to the nominee form.

Why do I have to complete the nomination if I was already nominated?

In previous years nominees were not required to fill out this form, but we found that often the people who nominated them didn't have enough information to give us a clear picture of who the nominees were and what they had done. Now we go straight to the source and ask the nominees to tell us themselves what they've done.

What will happen if I don't complete the nomination form?

If you have been nominated but you do not complete the nominee form you will not be eligible for the TOP 30 UNDER 30 2017 and your information will not be sent to our judges for consideration.

I've already been featured as a Top 30, can I be nominated again?

When you're a Top 30, you're a Top 30 for life. If you have been a successful Top 30 Under 30 in the past, you are not eligible again.

How are the Top 30 selected?

The TOP 30 UNDER 30 are selected by a panel of judges from Elevate Lifestyle, SUITE, and our marketing and promotion partners.

What makes a nomination stand out from the pack?

Our judges look for achievements in career and community work, so try to be as specific as possible when you are filling out the nomination or nominee completion form. Measurable achievements are best such as increasing profits, awards from professional associations or other groups or completion of a project, but we know that many achievements aren't easily quantified or previously acknowledged, so give us as much detail as you can. The judges also look for community and volunteer involvement that speaks to the nominee's willingness to help others as well as their commitment and contribution to our city. Again, be as specific as possible.

When will I find out if I have been selected as a Top 30?

Due to the high number of nominees, we are unable to contact all nominees to let them know the status of their nomination. Only those who are selected for this year's Top 30 will be contacted. The Top 30 will be featured online at www.ElevateLifestyle.com and recognized at our gala awards reception on June 9th, 2017 at SUITE.

What happens if I have been selected?

Congratulations! You will be contacted by Elevate Lifestyle to arrange for an interview and a head shot if needed.

Can I tell all my friends and family that I am in the TOP 30 UNDER 30 2017?

We know that you're excited and we don't expect you to keep your selection as a complete secret, but we want the announcement of the list to be a surprise, so please refrain from advertising your selection to the Top 30 in any form, including Facebook, Twitter etc. Failure to abide by this rule may result in your removal from the list.