

2026 TOPEKA'S TOP 20 UNDER 40 APPLICATION

Topeka's Top 20 Under 40 is a leadership recognition event to benefit the Jayhawk Area Council, Scouting America. Honorees must live, work or be involved in the Topeka/Shawnee County community.

This application is for individuals who have been nominated for the honor of Topeka's Top 20 Under 40. Before proceeding any further, please review the email concerning the application process. You cannot save this application and finish it at another time. We recommend that you compile a word document with your answers that can be copied and pasted into this form. Please take your time completing this application and include as much relevant information as possible. This application is your opportunity to highlight your varied contributions in and around our community. Selection Committee Members will be making decisions based on this application.

Deadline for application completion is 6:00AM, Monday, July 13th. If you have technical difficulties, please email kelly.potter@scouting.org.

Please remember that you **MUST** submit two letters of reference to kelly.potter@Scouting.org by the deadline for your application to be considered complete. Please include: "20 Under 40 Reference Letters for (Your Name)" in the subject line.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name *

Last Name *

Address 1 *

Address 2

City *

State *

Zip Code *

Cell Phone *

Secondary Phone

Preferred Email Address *

Secondary Email Address

Date of Birth MM-DD-YYYY *



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CURRENT EMPLOYER

Please provide us information about your background.

Employer/Organization *

Employment Start Date *



Current Position Start Date *



Office/Business Address *

Position/Role *

Please tell us what category your employer/organization falls into: *

Do you supervise people in your current position? If so, how many? This may include volunteers or employees that while not managed by you, may be directed by you for specific projects throughout the year. *

Briefly Outline your Job Duties According to your Position *

0/200 words

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY


If you are dual employed please use the first employment block to indicate such.
 If you do not have past employers for all three fields, please type either N/A or 01-01-1900 to pass the verification process.

Position #1


Company Name *

Position *

Start Date (MM-DD-YYYY) *



End Date (MM-DD-YYYY) *




Former Position #1

Company Name

Position

Start Date



End Date



Former Position #2

Company Name

Position

Start Date

End Date

mm-dd-yy



mm-dd-yy



LEADERSHIP

Professional Involvement

Please list up to three of the job related organizations in which you are currently involved. These are organizations you're a part of that correlate to your profession or are paid for by your employer. Please only list organizations in which you are actively involved. If you are not currently involved in a professional organization please tell us why.

Organization #1 *

Position/Role - Description #1 *

0/50 words

Start Date - #1

mm-dd-yy



Organization - #2

Position/Role - Description #2

0/50 words

Start Date - #2


mm-dd-yy 

Organization - #3

Position/Role - Description #3

0/50 words

Start Date - #3

mm-dd-yy 

Community/Personal/Volunteer Involvement


Please tell us about your personal investment in our community or country. This could be military, national, or community service, volunteering with a local nonprofit, school, or faith-based organization, mentoring, coaching or local activism.

Group or Organization #1 *

Description of Service Provided *

0/50 words

Date(s) of Service

mm-dd-yy 

Group or Organization #2

Description of Service Provided

0/50 words

Date of Service - #2


 

Group or Organization #3

Description of Service Provided #3

0/50 words

Date of Service #3

Please describe how you help make Topeka a better place to live/work/play through both your professional and personal contributions? (please cite specific instances)- 350 word limit *

0/350 words

PERSONAL INSIGHT/CHARACTER

Character - Please choose the word that best describes you as a person from the Scout Law (trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, or reverent) *

Why did you choose this word as the one that describes you best? *

0/100 words

What do you believe is your most significant leadership accomplishment? *

0/250 words

What do you feel are your most valuable personal skills and abilities? *

0/150 words

Who is your role model and why? *

0/150 words

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ASPIRATIONS

Honors and Awards

Please provide a glimpse of your personal and professional accomplishments. This can include community organization awards, Eagle Scout/Gold Award, professional accreditations, etc. Please list the following: Honor or Award/prestigious nomination, year received, organization/company it was given by, any comments or description:

Honors/Awards & Description *

0/100 words

Were you involved in a Scouting Program? Please list highest rank/award. *

What are your Personal and Professional Goals in the next 5 years? *

0/100 words

Why do you feel you should be named one of Topeka's Top 20 Under 40 Honorees? *

0/200 words

Please summarize your application into a highlight reel or biography. (limit 200 words) *

[Empty text box for application summary]

0/200 words

WE ANTICIPATE MAKING 20 UNDER 40 CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING THE FINAL WEEK OF AUGUST. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION TO HELP US BETTER LOCATE YOU IF YOU ARE SELECTED.

Is your work schedule hybrid, onsite, or fully remote? *

- Hybrid
- Onsite
- Fully remote

What is the best location to find you during the week?

[Empty text box for location]

Do you anticipate any major personal or professional travel plans during this timeframe? *

- Yes
- No

Please list one contact if our team is unable to locate you on the day of announcements (Name, Relationship & Cell Phone)

[Empty text box for contact information]

FINAL QUESTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

By hitting submit I understand that I must still send two letters of recommendation (preferably one from a manager/board member and one from a civic organization) to kelly.potter@scouting.org by 6:00AM on July 13, 2026.

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Yes - I will send/have sent two letters

No - I do not agree

I consider myself to be a citizen in good standing and do not have any outlying or unresolved circumstances that could bring reproach upon the Jayhawk Area Council or its sponsors if I am honored. *

Yes - I agree

No - I do not agree

If you select "No - I don't agree", please briefly explain why.

By submitting my application, I verify that all of the above information is true and I wish to be considered for the 2025 Topeka's Top 20 Under 40 award. *

Yes - I agree

No - I do not agree

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