

40 UNDER 40 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce is proud to accept nominations for its 2026 40 Under 40 Awards, recognizing forty exceptional young professionals who are making a meaningful difference throughout Northwest Connecticut.

These awards celebrate individuals under the age of 40 who have demonstrated excellence in their profession, outstanding leadership, community involvement, innovation, and a commitment to improving the quality of life and economic vitality of our region.

Whether they are entrepreneurs, healthcare professionals, manufacturers, nonprofit leaders, public servants, tradespeople, artists, or business professionals, these emerging leaders are helping shape the future of Northwest Connecticut.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered, nominees must:

1. Be 39 years of age or younger as of December 31, 2026.
2. Have demonstrated significant professional achievement.
3. Exhibit leadership and integrity within their workplace or industry.
4. Live or work within the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce service area.

- o Barkhamsted
- o Burlington
- o Canaan
- o Colebrook
- o Cornwall
- o Goshen
- o Hartland
- o Harwinton
- o Kent
- o Litchfield
- o Morris
- o New Hartford
- o Norfolk
- o North Canaan
- o Salisbury
- o Sharon
- o Thomaston
- o Torrington
- o Warren
- o Washington
- o Winchester/ Winsted

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator Name: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Job Title: _____

Business Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee Name: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Job Title: _____

Business Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth (or verify nominee is under age 40 as of December 31, 2026): _____



NOMINATION FORM QUESTIONS

Please limit responses to approximately 25-50 words for each question.

Professional Achievement

Describe the nominee's career accomplishments and what distinguishes them as an emerging leader.

Leadership

Provide examples of how the nominee demonstrates leadership within their organization or profession.

Community Involvement

Describe the nominee's volunteer work, civic engagement, charitable activities, or contributions to the Northwest Connecticut community.

Why this person?

Why do you believe this individual deserves to be recognized as one of Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce's 40 under 40?



NOMINATION PROCESS

Selection Process

- All nominations will be reviewed by the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee or designee Committee.
- Selection will be based on the quality of each nomination, not the number of nominations received. Duplicate nominations will not increase the likelihood of selection.
- The committee seeks a diverse class of recipients representing a broad range of industries, professions, communities, and backgrounds throughout Northwest Connecticut.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

All nominations must be received by 4:00 PM on Friday, September 4, 2026.

Please submit completed nominations forms to Ted Shafer at ted@nwctchamberofcommerce.org