

# [40u40] Tompkins County 40 Under 40

## HIGH SCHOOL AWARD APPLICATION

[ithaca Forward]'s 40 Under 40 Committee is now accepting self-nominations or peer-nominations in our first inaugural list of 40 emerging leaders who have achieved success in not-for-profit, business and especially our community before turning 40. Applicants must be no older than 39 as of June 30, 2008. The award is open to all high school students, college students and Young Professionals that live, work or go to school full time in Tompkins County. 7 Awards will be reserved to high school students, 6 to college students and 27 to anyone under 40\*. All applicants will be judged according to measurable impact demonstrated in the areas listed below. Our judges, community leaders representing local high schools themselves, will be looking very closely at your application. They will use whatever information you provide to determine just how much impact in each category you have made in yours and others lives. These areas are: *Personal Growth, Community Impact, Leadership and Academic Excellence.*

### Your application needs to include:

(If you were nominated by a peer)

- **Resume:** must be no more than four pages
- **Brief Essay:** 12 font, no more than two pages, addressing all four areas listed below (note: excelling in all these areas is not expected or required, but identifying the applicant's status/accomplishments in each of the areas is helpful and strongly recommended.)

(If you self-nominated)

- **Resume:** must be no more than four pages
- **Brief Essay:** 12 font, no more than two pages, addressing all four areas listed below (note: excelling in all these areas is not expected or required, but identifying the applicant's status/accomplishments in each of the areas is helpful and strongly recommended.)
- **A Letter of Recommendation:** this must be from a non-family reference. And contain between 100 and 400 words.

### You will be judged upon your impact within the following areas:

**Personal Growth-** Demonstration of strength of character or a commitment to better oneself that may or may not be apparent to most, such as attending school while working full time and caring for someone who is ill.

**Community Impact-** Demonstration of commitment to the community through such activities as service on not-for-profit boards, participation in/support of youth or other community-orientated activities, volunteering one's time to charitable causes.

**Leadership-** Demonstration of one's ability to lead a project, effort or organization to complete a task or reach a goal, be it for a municipality, business, school or community agency.

**Academic Excellence-** Demonstration of one's abilities in the classroom through such measures as a grade point average of 3.5 or above, receipt of awards of academic achievement from the academic institutions an individual has attended/is attended or from other organizations that value education and/or references from past teachers of an individual's contributions to the classroom and to education.

\*depending on numbers of applicants

***SUBMISSION:*** Application packages must be received by 12 noon on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Applications can be emailed to [jszepanski@chemungcanal.com](mailto:jszepanski@chemungcanal.com), faxed to 607-272-7617 or snail mailed (post marked no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008) to the Tompkins County Chamber at 904 East Shore Drive, Ithaca, New York, 14850.

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