

Rising 30

Nomination Primer

Indiana's advanced manufacturing and logistics industries are the backbone of the Hoosier economy, employing more than 850,000 Hoosiers and making and moving the products we rely on every day. Honoring 30 young trailblazers under the age of 30 in Indiana's advanced manufacturing and logistics industries is one of many ways Conexus Indiana supports the state's continued leadership in the make-and-move economy.

This year marks the seventh year of the Conexus Rising 30 program, which recognizes young professionals each year for their early accomplishments and innovative thinking in the advanced manufacturing and logistics industries. The 300-person award celebration is held in early May in Indianapolis and includes honorees from the 2027 Rising 30 cohort and their nominators, Rising 30 alumni, Conexus Indiana Board of Directors and other industry leaders who represent Indiana's manufacturing and logistics industries.

Nominee Criteria:

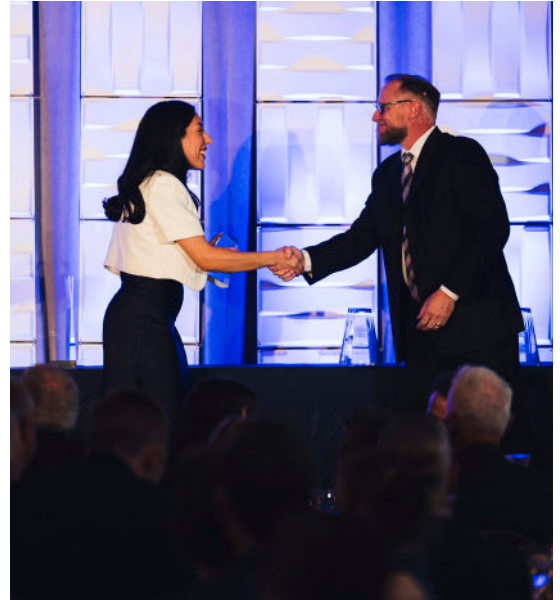
1. Nominees must be 30 years old or younger by the end of the 2026 calendar year. There is no minimum age requirement.
2. Applicants must work in Indiana and be nominated by a supporting organization.
3. Only one person per organization is eligible to be selected each year. (An organization may still submit multiple nominations for consideration if interested.)



An Ideal Candidate:

The ideal Rising 30 candidate exemplifies the following characteristics:

- **Manufacturing or Logistics Impact:** Directly shapes the design, manufacture or logistics of products
- **AML Innovator/Change-Maker:** Leads transformational change and innovation in some way inside the company
- **Community Impact:** Committed to volunteerism, mentorship, community involvement or developing other leaders (preference given to AML-specific community impact)
- **Storyteller/Inspiration to Others:** Influences and inspires others to enact change
- **Career Progression:** Demonstrates career advancement with compelling future goals



Nomination Process:

To be considered for the Rising 30 Class of 2027, candidates must first receive a nomination. Nominations are collected via a digital form which can be found on the Conexus Indiana website (under Rising 30) in late September. Anyone may nominate a candidate, but the ideal nominee is a mentor, supervisor or colleague.

Once the nominator completes and submits the **nomination form**, the candidate will receive an email prompting them to complete a supporting nominee form.

Class of 2027 Nomination & Selection Timeline:

- **September 22, 2026:** Nominations open in for the 2027 class
- **December 1, 2026:** Nominator application closes. Nominees will have until December 8th to complete their portion of the application.
- **Mid-January, 2027:** Conexus notifies each nominee and nominator on final decisions for the Class of 2027.