

Recycling Today and ReMA 30 Under 30 Awards | Tips for the Nominator

The **30 under 30 awards program** is designed to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of young professionals, laborers, technicians and tradesmen to the recycled materials industry by highlighting their contributions and demonstrated leadership potential. The award, established by ReMA and *Recycling Today*, highlights the youth and vibrancy in the recycled materials industry, promoting it as an inclusive career option.



A *Recycling Today* and ReMA Awards program

The Importance of Nominators in our Process:

The ReMA Young Executives Council works with industry leaders to invest in and empower young professionals within their companies. Nominators play a critical role in this award process. A nomination is a form of recognition. Whether you are a supervisor or a peer, this is an opportunity to acknowledge someone you believe is a driven young contributor to the industry. We encourage you to connect with the individual you're nominating so that the application includes complete responses to questions with supporting context. The Q&A section carries the most weight in the application, so please ensure your responses are complete and thoughtful.

Consider Your Strategy:

Think about who you would like to nominate – who stands out and why? Has this individual made significant, observable contributions to the industry, company, and/or community? Are there accomplishments or achievements that should be recognized? If your nominee meets the eligibility requirements and you've answered yes to any of the above questions, we encourage you to complete this process.

Tips for Writing a Compelling Nomination:

It's important to use specificity and clear examples of what makes this nominee stand out. Don't just say the nominee is "exceptional" – tell us more! Other things to consider with this process:

- **Keep it clear and concise:** Ensure your nomination is straightforward yet detailed.
- **Cite examples of attributes, demonstrated character, leadership, and/or initiative:** Provide specific instances where the nominee has shown these qualities.
- **Share the nominee's demonstrated impact or innovation and its importance:** Support this with examples where possible, especially in the Q&A portion of the application.
- **Speak with your nominee and those who work with the individual to gain additional insight:** It's encouraged to connect with the nominee if supporting information is needed to complete the application.
- **Assume that the award review committee does not know the nominee:** Provide enough detail and context for the committee to understand the nominee's qualifications and achievements.