



## Searching for 20 under 40 for 2010

December 10, 2009

Dear Chamber Member,

Our fourth 20 under 40 class will soon complete their year. I believe this initiative has once again met or exceeded the expectations of those involved. This, in my opinion, has been very good for our community. We have outstanding young folks and 20 under 40 will identify our future leaders and encourage them to become even more involved. The search is now on for the next class of 20 under 40 and I need your help!

I'm asking you to help identify prospective members for the next class of 20 under 40. You can send in an application form on yourself or encourage someone you know to send it in. You can get application forms from the Opelika Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's office at City Hall, or you can also print it from the city website [www.opelika.org](http://www.opelika.org). We're looking for active business people, professionals, entrepreneurs and community volunteers who are under the age of 40: Young adults who in future years will be prospects to serve as Mayor, member of the City Council, School Board or Planning Commission, just to name a few. There are many opportunities for public service in Opelika. I believe now is the time to identify our many high achieving young folks and encourage them to become engaged in what dreams and aspirations they have of where they want their community to be in the future.

The 20 chosen by committee will need to be able to attend an educational session a couple of Tuesday nights a month. A check in the amount of \$250 will need to be attached to each application. If an applicant is not selected the check will be returned. Applications should be turned in to the mayor's office no later than Friday, January 15, 2010. Here are the qualifications for those wishing to participate in the 20 under 40 initiative:

- ◆ Must live in Opelika
- ◆ Must be under the age of 40 on December 31, 2009
- ◆ Must be an exceptional employee, manager, professional or business owner
- ◆ Must be making a notable impact on their business, profession or industry
- ◆ Must demonstrate a love for Opelika by their volunteering of time for worthwhile organizations
- ◆ Must be a forward-thinking young person

Our best days are ahead of us and these young folks will help insure future success for Opelika. I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Gary Fuller, Mayor