

About HAYP

Mission Statement

The mission of HAYP is to promote the development, recruitment and retention of young professionals in the Hays area, build a bond between the business community and young professionals, and help make the Hays area the best place to live, work and play.

Who We Are

It is our belief that a community influenced by young professionals is a community that attracts and retains them. The more informed, involved and networked young professionals are, the more influence they will have on what Hays and the surrounding area becomes.

What is a Young Professional?

We are a group of people, ages 21-40 who are interested in enhancing ourselves and the future of our community. We work hard, we like to socialize, we're technologically savvy, and we make the change that we want to see in our lives, our businesses and our community.

What to Expect

Through the HAYP Network, you will have the opportunity to meet people you would never otherwise have met, learn about businesses you never would have known about, and participate in events that never would have existed. You will have access to numerous business training programs and learn about the happenings in the community that will have an impact on your life.

Frequently Asked Questions

What benefits will membership provide?

- Numerous opportunities to meet, socialize, network, seek advice and share experiences with other ambitious and like-minded professionals.
- Access to a wide variety of training programs specifically designed to heighten knowledge and contribute to the success of young professionals.
- Business promotion opportunities. A way to attract and retain young professionals for a stronger economy.
- An opportunity to save recruiting costs – the networks of your best and brightest employees are your most valuable referral source
- An opportunity to educate your employees in areas such as leadership, community and economic development, and building their network of contacts
- Position your business competitively – showcase your business as a young, talent-friendly company

Besides attending events, what opportunities are there to become more involved in the HAYP?

All members of the Hays Area Young Professionals are invited to serve on any of the following committees which provide the overall direction of HAYP programs and events.

- **Civic Committee** - Oversees all civic and volunteer opportunities for HAYP members to garner community involvement and goodwill.
- **Professional Development** - Works to provide young professionals with learning opportunities and resources that will help them achieve success in their chosen profession. This committee is also responsible for scheduling guest speakers for the monthly HAYP connection Lunch and Leadership series.
- **Social** - Provides social activities and networking opportunities that are of interest to young professionals.
- **HAYP Advisory Council** - Assists with recruitment and retention of HAYP members, assists with special events designed to promote member involvement and helps to retain members through personal contact, information, encouragement and support.

How many members are enrolled in the program?

More than 125 young professionals from throughout the region are involved in HAYP.

How much does it cost to join the Hays Area Young Professionals?

The annual cost for membership is \$80 for members of the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce and \$120 for non-members and \$60 for students. The dues may be billed quarterly and will be prorated accordingly.

How do I join the Hays Area Young Professionals?

Please view the Hays Area Young Professionals “Fee Schedule and Benefit” document and fill out the registration form provided in the welcome packet or online at www.haysyp.com.