

**Earn your title of being the  
State Young Careerist for  
Business and Professional  
Women of Ohio.**

### **Candidate Requirements**

Candidates must be between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive by May 31, 2024

Candidates must have worked full time for at least one full year; working, training, or attending school

Candidates must support the goals and objectives of the BPW/Ohio legislative platform

To compete at Region candidates must be current members of BPW.



**2023-2024**

**Ursula Bess**

**Young Careerist Chair**

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**"You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind.**

**Joyce Meyer**



**Business and  
Professional Women  
of Ohio's**

**Young Careerist  
Program**



**"Look at the Stars!  
See their Beauty. And  
in that Beauty, See  
Yourself!"**

**Draya Mooney**



“There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish.”

Michelle Obama

## Program History

The Virginia Allen Young Careerist program is a specialty program developed to help young professional women polish their skills for leadership and presentations. The purpose of the program is to recognize the achievements of young working women, between the ages of 21 and 35, and to introduce them to the many diverse opportunities available with a membership in Business and Professional Women. Participation in this program will enhance written and oral communication skills, both of which are critical to any profession. In addition, it is an opportunity to meet and network with other young women in the same stage of their careers. Express yourself and become a powerful woman in the workplace.

All materials are available on our website <http://bpwohio.com/signature-events/youngcareerist-program/>. There you should download our topics, judging information, interview questions and bio sheet.

### Important Dates

**Deadline to YC State Chair,  
March 24, 2024**

**(Bio Sheets and Speeches)  
State Competition – April 20, 2024  
Location TBD**

**State Conference – May 17-19 at Best  
Western Plus in Strongsville, OH**

## Speech Topics

PLEASE REFER TO THE  
OHIO/BPW  
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM  
BPWOHIO.ORG

TITLES OF THE PLATFORM ARE LISTED  
BELOW. YOU CAN FIND THE COMPLETE  
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM ON THE WEBSITE

1. ALICE PAUL EQUAL RIGHTS ADMENDMENT
2. CIVIL RIGHTS
3. ECONOMIC RIGHTS
4. DEPENDENT CARE
5. VICTIM RIGHTS
6. HEALTH
7. POLICY ITEMS

Speeches are to be four minutes in length. No props are allowed, and all Young Careerist Representatives will be required to remain at the podium when speaking.



## Steps to YC Competition

1. Visit the website to download forms and complete the bio. Turn in bio forms to your local president or to the person who asked you to speak.
2. Choose a topic, do some research and construct your speech.
3. Practice! Experts recommend 1-2 hours of work for every minute of a speech.
4. Get ready for the local and regional speak offs. Meet members, attend events, and have fun.
5. Submit all paperwork to region chairs, and region chairs will submit all paperwork to state chair.



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