The “Best of Forsyth” list is a reader’s choice award published annually by The Forsyth County News. Nominees are first nominated by readers and then the nominees are vetted through a third-party firm, Second Street. Voting takes place annually from October 1-31. Readers may vote up to once daily during the voting period. No payment was made, and no advertising was required to receive this award.

The “Best of Georgia” award is published annually by the Georgia Business Journal. All nominees are nominated by readers. The voting period runs from July 1- October 31st. Readers may vote up to once daily during the voting period. The editorial and compliance team will review reader’s votes and the businesses. No payment was made to receive this award, and no advertising was required to receive these awards.

The “Five Star Wealth Manager” list is published annually by Five Star Professional. Five Star evaluates many advisors and utilize specific criteria including the following: solicit peer and firm nominations; verify award candidates eligibility criteria, confirm licensing information, conduct regulatory and consumer complaint reviews, and ensure firm meets criteria. Award winners cannot pay a fee to be included in the research or the final list of award recipients. No payment was made, and no advertising was required to receive these awards.

The “Best of North Atlanta” list is a reader’s choice award program promoted through Appen Media Group. Voting takes place annually from May 15 to June 15. Award winners cannot pay a fee to be included in the research or the final list of award recipients. No advertising was required to receive these awards.

The “Marquis Who’s Who” primary selection criteria are candidates who hold position of leadership at a significant organization, who hold educational attainments and who have noteworthy achievement in creative works. Candidates are required to complete an application before they’re considered and followed up with an interview phone call. Candidates cannot pay a fee to be included in the research or the final list of those included in Who’s Who. No payment was made to be included, and no advertising was required to be included.