



YMCA of Southwestern Ontario

Women
of **Excellence**

YMCA Women of Excellence 2021

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

www.ymcaswo.ca/women-excellence

ELIGIBILITY & PROCESS

The YMCA Women of Excellence Awards are an exciting celebration of talent, achievement, imagination and innovation. The Awards Program encourages and recognizes women whose outstanding activities contribute to the vitality of the local, regional, national or global community. If you know a woman who has made a unique and exemplary contribution to her field, we hope you will take this opportunity to nominate her for the 2021 YMCA Women of Excellence Awards.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, nominees must:

- be living and be 30 years or older (the exception is the Young Woman of Excellence category where nominees must be 18-30 years of age);
- lived or worked anywhere within Southwestern Ontario;
- not be a current elected office holder;
- be available to virtually attend the Awards celebration on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021**.

CRITERIA

Nominees will be evaluated within their category according to the criteria listed below. *Please organize your submission by addressing each of the following criteria:*

1. Achievement in Field (30%)

- Describe how the nominee is a role model for others in her field;
- how she has shown vision and initiative to break new ground or old barriers;
- give 3 examples of how she has demonstrated talent, skill or accomplishments in her field;
- describe work she has done in her field to ensure women's success.

2. Advancing Women (25%)

- How has the nominee demonstrated commitment to the success of other women/girls;
- give examples showing how she has demonstrated commitment to advising other women/girls and helping them advance;
- describe how she has led the way to ensure that other women, women of colour, LGBTQ2+ and/or women with disabilities have a clear path to success;
- and show how she has demonstrated commitment to advocating for women's advancement in her field or community.

3. Impact and Contribution to Community (25%)

- Demonstrate the nominee's individual contribution to charitable organizations, committees or community initiatives, how she has supported services, programs or initiatives that benefit women/girls;

- how she uses creativity and vision to improve her community;
- and how she has used her experience and values to build a more inclusive and diverse community.

4. Inspiration (20%)

- Describe how the nominee's work has inspired you;
- how she has personally motivated others in the community or in her field;
- and how she has inspired change in the experience of future generations.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination form must be completed online and the honouree must be aware of the nomination. Only completed nomination forms will be considered.

Current staff, members of the Board of Directors of the YMCA and members of the YMCA Women of Excellence Committee are not eligible to be nominated.

SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations in each category will be reviewed by a committee of individuals who will evaluate each nomination based on the criteria. The Selection Committee will confirm a final recipient in each category. All nomination forms will be treated in confidence. The Selection Committee reserves the right to reclassify a nominee to another category if deemed appropriate. Nominees from previous years are eligible for renomination, however a 2021 nomination package must be submitted. All nominees will be informed of the Committee's decision by **February 9, 2021**. Award honourees will be formally announced before the event. The decision of the YMCA Women of Excellence Selection Committee will be final.

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS

All packages must be received no later than 3:00 pm on January 21, 2021 to qualify. All nominations received on or before this date will be promptly acknowledged by e-mail to the nominee and nominators.

If you have questions about your nomination, please email to womenofexcellence@swy.ymca.ca.

AWARD CATEGORIES

ARTS, CULTURE, EDUCATION & TRAINING

Recognizes impactful contributions to the creative arts, culture, or heritage in the community; or leadership in education through teaching, research, training and development or alternative learning programs.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS

Recognizes achievement in a business or profession in the public, private or non-profit sector.

BREAKING BARRIERS

Recognizes a self-identified woman of colour, LGBTQ2+ member, or woman with a disability who, through their personal or professional experience, has broken down barriers for themselves or made significant improvements that benefit others in their profession, industry or community.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Recognizes impact and advocacy in Social Justice through work or by taking action against social, economic, ethnic, or gender inequalities.

ENTREPRENEURS

Recognizes achievement in organizing and operating a business or businesses, taking on considerable financial risks and other initiatives in order to do so.

HEALTH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Recognizes outstanding achievement or contributions to the health, wellness, science or technology industries.

SPORT, FITNESS & RECREATION

Recognizes significant impact and contribution to fitness and athletics, through recreation community programs, education and amateur or professional sports.

YOUNG WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE

Recognizes a young leader (18 to 30 years of age) who demonstrates inspiring commitment, achievement, and leadership in their community, school or workplace.

SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS:

Applications are now submitted online. You may include supporting documents as attachments during the application process. In order to prepare your responses in advance, you can find the application questions on the next page. You must confirm the eligibility of the nominee and that they have consented to have the application submitted with your application. Applications are to be submitted online at ymcaswo.ca/women-excellence.

QUESTIONS:

If you have questions about submitting your application, please email womenofexcellence@sw.ymca.ca

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

(FOR PREPARATION OF THE ONLINE APPLICATION. WORD COUNTS ARE SUGGESTIONS.
PLEASE SUBMIT AT YMCASWO.CA/WOMEN-EXCELLENCE)

CATEGORIES (SELECT ONE)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts, Culture, Education & Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Breaking Barriers | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport, Fitness & Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health, Science & Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Professions | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Woman of Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice | |

NOMINEE

First Name; Last Name; Nominee Address; City; Postal Code; Primary Phone #; Secondary Phone #; Email; Company Name

NOMINATOR

First Name; Last Name; Nominator Address; City; Postal Code; Primary Phone #; Secondary Phone #; Email

CRITERIA:

ACHIEVEMENT IN FIELD (30%) - MAXIMUM 500 WORDS

- Describe how the nominee is a role model for others in her field;
- How she has shown vision and initiative to break new ground or old barriers;
- Give 3 examples of how she has demonstrated talent, skill or accomplishments in her field;
- Describe work she has done in her field to ensure women's success

ADVANCING WOMEN (25%) - MAXIMUM 300 WORDS

- How has the nominee demonstrated commitment to the success of other women/girls;
- Give examples showing how she has demonstrated commitment to advising other women/girls and helping them advance;
- Describe how she has led the way to ensure that other women, women of colour, LGBTQ2+ and/or women with disabilities have a clear path to success;
- Show how she has demonstrated commitment to advocating for women's advancement in her field or community.

IMPACT AND CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY (25%) - MAXIMUM 300 WORDS

- Demonstrate the nominee's individual contribution to charitable organizations, committees or community initiatives, how she has supported services, programs or initiatives that benefit women/girls;
- How she uses creativity and vision to improve her community;
- How she has used her experience and values to build a more inclusive and diverse community.

INSPIRATION (20%) - MAXIMUM 300 WORDS

- Describe how the nominee's work has inspired you;
- How she has personally motivated others in the community or in her field;
- How she has inspired change in the experience of future generations.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019

Deb Harvey
Arts, Culture, Education & Training
Heather Hiscox
Business & Professions
Kathy Longo
Community & Volunteerism
Shantal Feltham
Entrepreneurs
Dr. Bertha Garcia
Health, Science & Technology
Christine Stapleton
Sports, Fitness & Recreation
Serena Tejpar
Young Woman of Excellence
Janet Stewart
Outstanding Achievement Award

2017

Mary Intven-Wallace
Arts, Culture, Education & Training
Michelle Quintyn
Business and Professions
Kathy Parker
Community & Volunteerism
Entrepreneurs
Dr. Marina Salvadori
Health, Science & Technology
Vickie Croley
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Andrea Barker
Young Woman of Excellence
Lynne Cram
Outstanding Achievement

2015

Dr. Colleen Hanycz
Arts, Culture, Education & Training
Sergeant Lorna Bruce
Business and Professions
Kathleen Murphy
Community & Volunteerism
Tina Bax
Entrepreneurs
Dr. Gillian Kernaghan
Health, Science & Technology
Dr. Lisa Fischer
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Caroline Ehrhardt
Young Woman of Excellence
Madam Justice Lynne C. Leitch
Outstanding Achievement Award

2013

Emma Donoghue
Arts, Culture & Heritage
Jill Wilcox
Business, Professions & Trades
Erin Rankin-Nash
Community, Volunteerism & Humanity
Mary Lou Smoke
Education, Training & Development
Dr. Cindy Mary-Lynn Hutnik
Health, Science & Technology
Thérèse Quigley
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Jaclyn Miles
Young Woman of Excellence
Helen Spriet
Outstanding Achievement Award

2011

Judith Rodger
Arts, Culture & Heritage
Helen Connell
Business, Professions & Trades
Ruthe Anne Conyngham
Community, Volunteerism & Humanity
Ramona Lumpkin
Education, Training & Development
Sandy Whittall
Health, Science & Technology
Donna Bourne
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Nicole Turner
Young Woman of Excellence
Tessa Virtue
Outstanding Achievement Award
Christine Nesbitt
Outstanding Achievement Award

2009

Karen Pincombe
Arts, Culture & Heritage
Marlene McGrath
Business, Professions & Trades
Jean Wright
Community, Volunteerism & Humanity
Joy Warkentin
Education, Training & Development
Dr. Sugantha Ganapathy
Health, Science & Technology
Sandra Cooper-Ryder
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Nicole Seymour
Young Woman of Excellence
Joan Francolini
Lifetime Achievement Award

2007

Dr. Carol Herbert
Health, Science & Technology
Natasha Wesch
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Ruth Young
Business, Profession & Trades
Dr. Carol Beynon
Arts, Culture and Heritage
Shirley Hickman
Community, Volunteerism & Humanity
Dr. Mary J. Wright
Education, Training & Development
Sabrina Karim
Young Woman of Excellence
Women's Community House
Lifetime Achievement

2005

Beryl Ivey
Lifetime Achievement
Julia Ferguson
Young Woman of Excellence
Marlene Fagan
Arts, Culture & Heritage
Diane Beattie
Business, Professions & Trades
Margaret MacGee
Community, Volunteerism & Humanity

Ann Sugrim
Education, Training & Development
Dr. Lauren McCurdy
Health, Science & Technology
Jennifer Smith Ogg
Sport, Fitness & Recreation

2003

Denise Pelley
Arts, Culture & Heritage
Terry Zavitz
Business, Professions & Trades
Joan MacDonald Smith
Community, Volunteerism & Humanity
Victoria Mayer
Education, Training & Development
Dr. Mary Lee Myers
Health, Science & Technology
Libby Fowler
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Cindy Chan
Young Woman of Distinction
Brescia University College
Lifetime Achievement Award
Sandy Kirkley
Special Tribute

2001

Elizabeth Akano
Arts, Culture & Heritage
Martha Curgin
Business, Professions & Trades
Patty Howard
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Shalini Mascarenhas
Young Woman of Distinction
May Court Club of London
Lifetime Achievement Award
Betsy Reilly
Education, Training & Development
Jane Roy
Community, Volunteerism & Humanity
Dr. Inge Russell
Health, Science & Technology

1999

Dr. Ann Chambers
Health, Science & Technology
Jeanne Greenberg
Community & Volunteer Contribution
Mary Jane Lally
Education, Training & Development
Sharon Lee
Business, Professions & Trades
Kem Murch
Arts & Culture
Sisters of St. Joseph
Lifetime Achievement Award
Amy Romeo
Young Woman of Distinction
Lesley Thompson
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko
Young Woman of Distinction

1997

Carol Johnston
Arts & Culture

Janet McEwen
Community & Volunteer Contribution
Jane Peckham
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Dr. Margot Roach
Health, Science & Technology
Dr. Bonnie Schmidt
Education, Training & Development
Marilyn Sinclair
Business, Professions & Trades
Jodie-Lynn Waddilove
Young Woman of Distinction

1995

Stephanie Goble
Business, Professions & Trades
Nancy Johnson
Arts & Culture
Lucille Kewayosh
Education, Training & Development
Marnie McBean
Sport, Fitness & Recreation
Shanthi Radcliffe
Community & Volunteer Contribution
Diane Stewart
Health, Science & Technology
Women's Christian Association
Lifetime Achievement Award

1993

Jean Comrie
Entrepreneurship
Dianne Cunningham
Public Service
Fran Wigston Eberhard
Sport
Madeline Lennon
The Arts
Moira Stewart
Science & Education
Janet Stewart
Volunteerism

1989

Sheila Davenport
May Moran
Doreen Sanders

1986

Joan Barfoot
Jane Bigelow
Louise Forsyth

1984

Bessie Borwein
Jean Hewitt
Nancy Poole

THANK YOU

TITLE SPONSOR



We also gratefully acknowledge the support of our Patron Sponsors:



Health, Science & Technology



Sports, Fitness & Recreation



Young Woman of Excellence



Business & Professions



Arts, Culture, Education & Training



Social Justice



Entrepreneurs

PROCEEDS

Women of Excellence raises money to support important YMCA initiatives that foster personal growth in spirit, mind and body. This year, the YMCA Women of Excellence Awards Dinner will directly support the YMCA Strong Kids program which helps ensure that every child and family has access to YMCA camps, programs and services regardless of financial circumstances.

EVENT INFORMATION

Please join us as we celebrate this year's outstanding recipients and salute the achievements of women everywhere at our Awards Celebration on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

THANK YOU

The YMCA Women of Excellence Awards Organizing Committee extends its warmest thanks to all sponsors, nominators, nominees and volunteers for taking the time to participate in our efforts to celebrate the remarkable women of our community.

We welcome you to join us as a nominator, corporate sponsor or guest in making the 2021 YMCA Women of Excellence Awards a memorable and inspirational event.

For more information on nominations, tickets to the virtual awards, or sponsorship, please contact:

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