

WOMEN OF
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – Submission Deadline: March 15th, 2010

WHO IS A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION?

YWCA Women of Distinction possess the following traits and/or characteristics:

- Consistently displays and exercises leadership.
- Demonstrates vision, innovation or creativity and the courage to take risks.
- Enriches and improves the quality of life for others.
- Has an impact in her chosen field of endeavor.
- Demonstrates initiative and a pioneering spirit.
- Displays and sustains a continued commitment to her community.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Women of Distinction Awards is now in its 29th year and is the YWCA's only significant fundraising event each year.
- Funds raised by the dinner support YWCA's work in the community. Last year's dinner raised over \$71,000.

Last year:

- 119 individuals who accessed one of our employment programs, found work.
- 1900 visits were made to our computer lab during public access time.
- We provided shelter and safety to 951 clients and housed 353 children.
- We turned away 3334 women and children due to a shortage of beds.
- We provided over the phone crisis counseling to 434 women, men and youth.
- Approximately 25% of the children in our child development centre received subsidies because of limited family income.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Arts, Culture, and/or Heritage – recognizes women who inspire others through their own artistic and creative work, or through their support of the arts, culture or heritage in our community. *Sponsored by PotashCorp*

Athletics – recognizes exceptional athleticism and/or athletic leadership in sports, fitness, recreation, or community programs. *Sponsored by lululemon athletica*

Community Building – recognizes volunteers whose work inspires, motivates and helps others in our community. *Sponsored by Concentra Financial and Affinity Credit Union*

Education – recognizes exceptional teachers, either in the education system, professional training programs, or community programs. *Sponsored by Cameco Corporation*

Entrepreneurship – recognizes entrepreneurs who have established successful business ventures or not-for-profit enterprises that benefit our community. *Sponsored by Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan*

Health and Wellness – recognizes women who, through example, accomplishment and leadership, contribute to the physical, emotional, social, or spiritual health of people in our community. *Sponsored by Saskatoon Regional Health Authority and MD Ambulance*

Science, Technology, or Research – recognizes women who have achieved excellence in science, technology or research. A range of disciplines will be considered from science and technology through the social sciences and humanities. *Sponsored by SaskPower*

Leadership and Management – recognizes managers and leaders who inspire and motivate others in their workplace, profession, or the community. *Sponsored by Frank and Ellen Remai Foundation*

Youth – recognizes women under twenty-five who set an example for others through their achievements in academics, career, or community building. *Sponsored by CIBC*

Lifetime Achievement – recognizes women who have been leaders in one or more of the above categories, while serving as role models for the community. *Sponsored by Airline Hotels and Resorts Ltd.*

2010 NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The Women of Distinction Awards® encourages and recognizes women who are leaders, mentors, facilitators, communicators, supporters and listeners. Their unique contributions enrich both our lives and our community. The YWCA is seeking nominations of women you think have made a difference in our community.

HOW DO I NOMINATE SOMEONE?

Review the ten award categories to determine which is the best category for your nominee. Individuals or organizations may be nominated in any one of the ten categories. Nominees may be entered in one category only (the nominations committee may, in consultation with the nominator, reclassify a nomination to a more appropriate category). Complete the nomination package.

The Nomination package is available at:

Our website: www.ywcasaskatoon.com/wodad

Email: wodad@ywcasaskatoon.com

Call: 244-7034 ext. 122

Pick up: YWCA Saskatoon 510 – 25th Street East

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY:

- Female of any age. (*Youth Category: women under the age of 25*)
- An individual or group.
- A resident of Saskatoon or the surrounding area.
- Recognized for contributions to Saskatoon and community.
- Nominated in a specific category and may only be nominated in one category.
- A nominee from a previous year. *A nomination can only be made for two successive years if being nominated in the same category as in a previous year.*
- Living at the time of nomination.

WHO MAY NOMINATE?

Nominators:

- Must be residents of Saskatoon or the surrounding area for at least one year prior to the nomination deadline.
- Can support only one nominee per category.
- May not be a member of the Women of Distinction Awards® Dinner Committee, the Selection Committee or YWCA staff or Board of Directors.
- Must not be related to the nominee. (*i.e. children, brother, sister, parent, partner, or in-law*)

A complete nomination package consists of:

- 1) Completed nomination form signed by nominee and two nominators.
 - 2) Written submission of Criteria Questions. Submissions longer than two pages will not be accepted. Point form is acceptable.
 - 3) Nominee Biography.
 - 4) Two letters of support. (*from people other than the nominators*)
- Do not include certificates, resumes or newspaper clippings.
The YWCA Women of Distinction committee and the StarPhoenix reserve the right to edit for length and content.
Only complete nomination packages will be accepted.

Complete Nomination Packages can be found on our website at:

www.ywcasaskatoon.com/wodad

SEND YOUR SUBMISSION TO:

Women of Distinction Awards® Selection Committee

510 – 25th Street East, Saskatoon SK S7K 4A4

Inquiries to: wodad@ywcasaskatoon.com or 244-7034 ext 122

Nomination packages must be delivered to YWCA Saskatoon by March 15, 2010.

Awards dinner May 27th, 2010.

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