



2026 Lifetime Achievement Nomination Package

The YWCA *Women of Distinction Awards*® are recognized nationally as one of the most prestigious awards for women. Since 1982, the YWCA Saskatoon *Women of Distinction Awards*® have honoured hundreds of women for their inspirational leadership and extraordinary contributions to our community.

The awards are open to all women who work or reside in Saskatchewan, north of Davidson (inclusive). All nominees, regardless of category, will be evaluated based on their commitment to breaking down barriers, promoting safety and security, empowering and uplifting women and girls, and bettering our community. Likewise, all nominees will be evaluated on how they reflect the mission and values of YWCA Saskatoon: diversity, respect, integrity, communication and teamwork guide our mission to honour our commitment to women's issues and advance reconciliation, independence, wellness and equal opportunities.

We welcome, encourage and honour diverse nominations with respect to nominee's ethnicity, religion, sexuality, socioeconomic status, abilities, ideas, and other aspects.

Within this nomination package, you'll find important information about the nomination criteria, selection criteria, and selection process, along with a Women of Distinction nomination form. Please read the information in this package carefully.

After reading the nomination package, should you have questions or require assistance, please contact us via telephone at 306-986-2870 or via email at chuntington@ywcaskatoon.com. You can also find resources to assist you in developing a strong nomination package on our website at <https://www.ywcaskatoon.com/about/women-of-distinction/>.

All proceeds from the YWCA Saskatoon *Women of Distinction Awards*® remain in our community for important YWCA Saskatoon programs and services to improve the well-being of women, girls and their families.

Thank you for investing your time to nominate a woman who meets a category description and exemplifies the qualities of a YWCA Saskatoon Woman of Distinction.

Sincerely,

Carla Huntington
Vice-President of Development & Engagement

Important Dates

Nominations Open: Monday January 5, 2026

Nomination Deadline: Friday February 27th, 2026

Nominee Photo and Video Session: March 26th and/or 27th, 2026

Nominees' Reception: Thursday April 30th, 2026

Awards Ceremony: Thursday May 14th, 2026

Nominator Qualifications

- The nominator can be any individual who is interested in nominating an eligible nominee.
- The nominator must fully complete the Nomination Form and submit it, along with the supporting material (i.e., two letters of support, a short nominee biography, and nominee consent form) by **Friday February 27, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.** One Nomination Form and set of supporting material is required for each category for which a nominee is nominated.
- Multiple nominations from the same nominator are allowed.
- Current members of YWCA Saskatoon staff, Board, or event committee are not eligible to submit nominations.
- **Nominees must be aware of the nomination before the Nomination Form and supporting material are submitted.** Nominees must give consent to the nominator for the nomination and public relations involved with the event, including photo, biography, media exposure and sponsor recognition.

Eligibility

The Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates a woman who has dedicated her life to serving the community, and is a role model to all who aspire to breaking down barriers, promoting safety and security, empowering and uplifting women and girls, and bettering our community. The recipient of this award has:

- Demonstrated significant, high-impact contributions and achievements in the community over the course of her lifetime;
- Demonstrated a deep commitment to bettering her community and the lives of her neighbours;
- Exemplified the values of YWCA Saskatoon, including respect, integrity, teamwork, a commitment to diversity, and a commitment to improving the lives of women and girls; and
- Gained the recognition and respect of her peers and/or the community.

In order to demonstrate a sustained commitment to the community over the course of a lifetime, recipients must either be 55 years of age or older, or demonstrate 30 or more years of distinguished service. Recipients' major accomplishments must have been achieved and had impact in Saskatchewan, north of Davidson.

Disqualification and Morality Clause

The awarding organization reserves the right to disqualify or revoke a nomination at any stage if the nominee is involved in ongoing legal proceedings or if credible allegations arise that, in the opinion of the selection committee, may bring the award or the organization into disrepute. This includes, but is not limited to, criminal charges, civil litigation, or conduct that contradicts the values and integrity of the award. Such decisions are at the sole discretion of the organization and are final.

Required Nomination Package Information

Only fully completed Nomination Packages will be reviewed by the selection committee. A fully completed Nomination Package must include:

1. **The Nomination Form.** This may be done online or by printing the form and completing it. Alternatively, if required, nominees may contact the YWCA Saskatoon via telephone at 306-986-4379 or via email at development@ywcaskatoon.com to request a printed form.
2. **Contact information for both the nominator and nominee.** This includes the nominator's and nominee's:
 - a. First and Last Name
 - b. Mailing Address
 - c. Phone Numbers
 - d. Email Address
3. **Letters of support.** Two letters of support are required. The letters of support cannot be from the nominator themselves, the nominee's family, or YWCA Saskatoon Board, staff, or volunteers. The letters are not to exceed a total of four pages across both letters.
4. **Nominee biography.** A short biography about the nominee of approximately 100 words is required. The biography must be approved by the nominee.
5. **Nominee consent form.** This form must be completed by the nominee. It can be found X

Nomination Packages must be submitted before the deadline. All nominations must be received by 11:59 p.m. on **February 27th, 2026**. Late or partial applications will not be accepted. **Please ensure that you have included all of the above information before submitting the nomination. The selection committee is not responsible for incomplete submissions and will not follow up with the nominator or nominee for additional information.**

In addition, the selection committee may perform research including social media screening or further interviewing of the nominee.

Selection of Award Recipient

The Lifetime Achievement Award is selected by the YWCA Saskatoon Board of Directors. The Board evaluates all completed nomination packages against the eligibility criteria listed above, using a dedicated scoring matrix. The recipient is then communicated confidentially to the CEO and YWCA Saskatoon CEO and Vice-President of Development and Engagement, before being announced publicly at the beginning of May.

Events

The recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award is expected to attend a photo and video session which is to be held on the March 26th and/or 27th, 2026.

The recipient is also expected to attend the **Nominees' Reception on April 30, 2026.**

The recipient is required to partake in the **Awards Ceremony on May 14, 2026.**

Nominator Information

Please provide the information of the person who is making the nomination.

First and Last Name

Address

Daytime Phone

Email

Nominator declaration (for the person who is making the nomination)

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I consent to be contacted by the YWCA Saskatoon regarding this application. (Use of your personal information will be strictly limited to the purpose to which you have consented).

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I hereby declare that the information contained in this nomination is true to the best of my knowledge.

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CONSENT TO BE NOMINATED. I confirm that the following nominee for a Woman of Distinction Award has agreed to this nomination.

Nominator Signature

Date

How did you hear about the WOD Awards?

Nominee Information

Please provide the information of the woman you are nominating:

Nominee's First and Last Name

Work Title and Address, if applicable

Home Address

Daytime Phone

Email

Birthdate (born on or before May 25th, 1969)

Questions About the Nominee

Please respond to all questions **in point form** and provide **specific examples**.

1. What are the nominee's significant, high-impact contributions and achievements in the community over the course of her lifetime? (250 words maximum)

2. How has the nominee demonstrated a deep commitment to bettering her community and the lives of her neighbours? (250 words maximum)

3. How has the nominee exemplified the values of YWCA Saskatoon, including respect, integrity, teamwork, a commitment to diversity, and a commitment to improving the lives of women and girls? (250 words maximum)

4. Please provide examples that show the nominee has the recognition and respect of her peers and/or the community. (250 words maximum)

5. If the nominee is not 55 years of age or older, please demonstrate that she has 30 or more years of distinguished service.

In order for your nomination package to be considered complete, you must attach two letters of support, a short nominee biography, and the nominee consent and voluntary equity disclosure form. Please see the section “Required Nomination Package Information” for more detail.

Nomination Package Checklist

- ☐ Completed nomination form
- ☐ 2 Letters of Support
- ☐ Short Nominee Biography (100 words max.)
- ☐ Nominee Consent Form

Thank you again for investing your time to nominate a woman for a YWCA Saskatoon Woman of Distinction Award!

Save the Date: The *YWCA Saskatoon Women of Distinction Awards*® will take place on May 14, 2026.

Please save and email completed applications to chuntington@ywcaskatoon.com

Or, mail completed applications to:



YWCA Saskatoon

Attention:

Carla Huntington, VP Development & Engagement

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Applications will not be accepted after February 27, 2026.