



YWCA SASKATOON

# Women of DISTINCTION

## Women of Distinction: Nominee Award Categories

*Some categories receive a significantly higher volume of nominations than others.*

*Please read the category descriptions carefully to determine the best fit for your nominee.*

### **Business & Entrepreneurship**

This category honours women who have successfully launched, revived or managed a business. Women nominated in this category should demonstrate excellence through achievements including but not limited to: innovation in their approach, capitalizing on new markets, and/or excellence in business practices and policies.

### **Community Building**

This category honours women who have had a transformational effect on the local community. Women nominated in this category should demonstrate excellence through achievements including but not limited to: exceptional promotion and advocacy of a cause and/or community need, significant volunteerism and/or volunteer stewardship, outstanding artistic accomplishment, leadership in cultural community building, and/or effecting significant and sustained positive change in the community.

### **Education**

This category honours women who have excelled as educators in all learning institutions and community programs. Women nominated in this category should demonstrate excellence through achievements including but not limited to: pedagogical innovation; work supporting education among marginalized learners and/or those with unique learning needs; outstanding public education efforts; and/or exceptional leadership.

### **Health & Wellness**

This category honours women who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to fostering healthy lives and communities. Women nominated in this category should demonstrate outstanding achievement in the delivery, promotion, education, and/or advocacy of physical, mental, emotional, social and/or spiritual health and wellness.

### **Leadership in Athletics**

This category honours women who have excelled in the field of athletics. Women nominated in this category should demonstrate excellence through achievements including but not limited to: outstanding athletic performance, overcoming barriers and/or adversity, promotion of athletics among women and girls, and/or outstanding accomplishment in roles such as coach, trainer, or referee.

### **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)**

This category honours women who have excelled in the pursuit of science, technology, engineering and/or math. Women nominated in this category should demonstrate excellence through achievements including but not limited to: groundbreaking original research, discovery and/or academic publication, outstanding practical innovation and/or invention, mentoring and creating opportunities for women in their field, and/or overcoming barriers.

***Women in the Trades***

This category honours women who have excelled in skilled trades industries. Women nominated in this category should demonstrate excellence through achievements, including but not limited to: innovation in their industry, exceptional leadership, mentoring and creating opportunities for women in their field, and/or overcoming barriers.

***Young Trailblazers***

This category honours the young women who are leading Saskatoon into a bright tomorrow. Women nominated in this category should demonstrate innovation, perseverance, and leadership in their work, education, volunteerism, and/or other accomplishments. Nominees must be 29 years of age or younger at the time of nomination.