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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.

This year, we are thrilled to be back for our annual in-person event to celebrate extraordinary women in Saskatoon!

All proceeds from Saskatoon's *Women of Distinction Awards*® are designated to YWCA Saskatoon, staying here in our community for programs and services to improve the well-being of women, girls and families.

## Important Dates

**Nominations Open:** Friday, January 6, 2023

**Nomination Deadline:** Friday, February 17, 2023

**Nominees' Reception:** Thursday, May 4, 2023

**Nominee Photo and Video Session:** First week in April.

**Awards Ceremony:** Thursday, May 25, 2023

## Eligibility

- ▶ May be either an individual person or a group of individuals who identify as female.
- ▶ Must represent the YWCA values of diversity, respect, and integrity.
- ▶ Neither the nominee nor the nominator may be a current member of the YWCA board, staff or event committee.
- ▶ The only award based on age is the 29 and Under Award, no other awards have any age restrictions.
- ▶ Must work or reside in the Saskatoon area, defined as 100km from Saskatoon City Hall.
- ▶ May be nominated for two successive years, followed by a one-year break.
- ▶ May be nominated for a different award category after being the successful recipient in another category.
- ▶ Deceased individuals may be nominated. Living nominees must attend the Awards Ceremony and Nominees' Reception.
- ▶ Nominees must be aware of the nomination and give consent for the nomination and public relations involved with the event, including photo, biography, media exposure and sponsor recognition.
- ▶ Complete nomination with required information must be received before the nomination deadline.
- ▶ You are able to nominate for up to 2 categories. There will be a first choice category and a second choice option if applicable. If selected, the nominee will move forward in only one category, selected by the Confidential Selection Committee.

## Required Information

- ▶ Two nominators are required. The nominators may use the online form or the printed form. Complete contact information for the nominee and the nominators is required.
- ▶ Two letters of support are required, maximum four pages total, including both. These letters of support may not be from the nominator themselves, the nominees' family, YWCA board, staff, or volunteers.
- ▶ A short biography (100 words).  
The selection committee may request additional information or perform research including social media screening or further interviewing.

## Selection of Award Recipients

The Lifetime Achievement Award is selected by the YWCA Saskatoon Board of Directors. This name is announced publicly in advance of the awards dinner. Final recipients for the other awards are not announced until the May Awards Dinner.

The long list of all nominations for the awards is evaluated by a Confidential Selection Committee to determine eligibility. A short list is created of nominees who represent YWCA Saskatoon values. This short list is announced publicly. The short list of nominees is evaluated by a Confidential Selection Committee. Women select the final award recipients. Their decisions are then final.

The selection committee evaluates all nominations based on a nominee's leadership in improving the life of our community and looks for contributions above and beyond excellence in her field of work.

The YWCA Saskatoon retains the right to refuse nominations that do not align with the values of the organization. Only complete nominations which meet the eligibility criteria and are submitted by the deadline date will be considered by the Selections Committee. Submitted nominations ensure the nominee's name is put forth for consideration but does not guarantee the nominee will be chosen as a finalist.

## Events

All nominees are expected to attend a photo and video session which is to be held on the first week of April.

Nominees are also expected to attend the **Nominees' Reception on May 4, 2023.**

All nominees are required to partake in the **Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 25, 2023.**

## Nominee Information

You are able to choose up to 2 categories for consideration for your nominee.  
Please choose a first choice nomination below.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arts Culture &amp; Heritage Award</b> This award recognizes the achievement and leadership of women whose contributions in arts, culture and heritage inspires and benefits our community. Arts, Culture and Heritage encompasses a broad range of activities from dance, theatre, music and film to architecture, history, literature and beyond.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Business &amp; Professions Award</b> Recognizes leaders in the professional and business service industry whose hard work and innovation has influenced positive change both in their careers and in the community. This category includes but is not limited to law, medical, dental, financial, insurance and more.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Community Building Award</b> Recognizes influential community builders whose professional contributions and/or volunteer leadership has helped to create a community where everyone can thrive.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education Award</b> Recognizes exceptional educators in schools, institutions or community programs who are role models in their profession and community and are leading and inspiring positive change.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Entrepreneurship Award</b> Recognizes successful entrepreneurs whose leadership and business ventures have influenced social good and positive change for our community.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Health &amp; Athletics Award</b> This award recognizes exceptional contributions in health or athletics. Improving the physical, emotional, social, or spiritual health and wellbeing of the community through work, sport or recreation programs, and providing leadership for positive change in our community.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Leadership in the Trades Award</b> Recognizes leaders in the skilled trades industry, or services sector who are role models both in their careers and in the community. Also, whose achievements have broken down barriers and inspired positive change. This category includes but is not limited to careers in the construction, transportation, manufacturing and service industries.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Loretta's Award</b> Named in memory of a special YWCA Saskatoon staff member, Loretta Andronowich, this award recognizes a woman who has experienced hardship or adversity but has gone on to achieve great personal goals.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Research &amp; Technology Award</b> Recognizes women for excellence, innovation and leadership in research and technology for influencing positive change. They are role models in their careers and community.

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☐ **29 and Under Award**

Recognizes emerging leaders, age 29 and under, who are inspirational role models in their careers, achievements or community building roles.

☐ **Truth & Reconciliation Award**

Recognizes women for leadership, resilience, and activism to further advance efforts to foster Truth and Reconciliation in their community.

If nominating for 2 categories, please write below the second category for consideration.

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**Nominee's First and Last Name and Title****Preferred Pronouns****work Address****Home Address****Daytime Phone****Email****Birthdate (required for 29 and Under Award = born on or after May 15th, 1993)**

Are you nominating a group (more than one person recognized together with a single nomination)? *If applicable*, please list the names of the additional individuals in this group:

**2. Please include: first and last name, preferred pronouns, title, work address, home address, daytime phone number, and email.**

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Voluntary equity disclosure (for the nominee):

*The YWCA Women of Distinction Awards®* strive to represent our diverse community and reflect the people we serve. Considering this, would you voluntarily identify as any of the following: (please indicate yes or no in the text box)

You are not in any way required to let us know which equity group you belong to and this information will be kept confidential as part of your application.

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**a person with lived experience such as intimate partner violence, homelessness, living under the poverty line, a refugee or someone who has been impacted by intergenerational effects of trauma (including residential or Indian day schools)**

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**a visible minority**

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**an Indigenous-identified person (including First Nations, Métis and Inuit)**

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**an LGBTQ2S person**

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**a person living with a disability**

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**Nominee consent (for the person being nominated):**

I consent to my nomination for this award. I understand that my name, biography, photo and video will be published. I will attend both the Nominees' Reception on May 4, 2023 and the Awards Dinner on May 25, 2023. I understand that the media may contact me for an interview and that my employer may be contacted for advertising opportunities. I understand that sponsorship and public relations is part of this event as a fundraiser for YWCA Saskatoon. I understand that I will receive information about YWCA Saskatoon news, programs and campaigns.

**Nominee Signature**

**Date**

**2. Joint Nominee Signature (if applicable)****Date****3. Joint Nominee Signature (if applicable)****Date**

## Nominator Information

The person who is making the nomination.

**First and Last Name and Title****Address****Daytime Phone****Email**

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

Do you consent to:

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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 you have consented to as outlined above.**

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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 consent that the following nominee for a Woman of Distinction Award has agreed to this nomination. The YWCA Saskatoon will contact the nominee as required.**

**Nominator Signature****Date**

How did you hear about the WOD Awards?

## Questions About the Nominee

**1. How has the nominee (or group of nominees) shown inspiration and leadership, especially in this award category? (200 words)**

**2. Describe the nominee's (or group of nominees') skills, abilities, and accomplishments in her area of work. (200 words)**

**3. How has the nominee (or group of nominees) contributed generally to the community, in Saskatoon and area?**

**4. How has the nominee (or group of nominees) contributed positively to fostering the principles of truth and reconciliation, diversity or inclusion in the community? (200 words)**



**5. The vision of YWCA Saskatoon is “Women and girls empowered in a safe, equitable community.” We value diversity, respect, communication, integrity and teamwork. How does the nominee (or group) reflect the vision and values of the YWCA? (200 words)**

**6. Please include a short nominee biography (100 words). You may also attach two letters of support, maximum four pages total including both letters, the letters cannot be written by the nominator. Thank you for preparing this nomination!**

Please save and email completed applications to [cdelgado@ywcaskatoon.com](mailto:cdelgado@ywcaskatoon.com)

Or, mail completed applications to:



**YWCA Saskatoon**

**Attention:**

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**Applications will not be accepted after February 17, 2023.**