



Capital Region Chamber

WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

To be nominated, a woman should not have received a Women of Excellence Award in the past 10 years.

Chamber membership is NOT required of nominee.

Application must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31.

To view previous award recipients, visit:

<http://capitalregionchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Women-of-Excellence-Recipients-Alpha-By-Last-Name.pdf>

Must follow nomination guidelines or nomination will not be considered.

The Awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at the Albany Marriott.

Award Nominee

Name _____

Organization Name _____

Title _____

Organization Address _____

Organization Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Award Category

Please select one category below. If you would like the nominee to be considered for more than one category, please submit a separate application for each. The Selection Committee reserves the right to re-categorize your application.

_____ **Emerging Professional (For Profit or Nonprofit Sector)** - The nominee must illustrate that she is making significant progress toward personal and professional growth, has continually accepted additional responsibilities and has made significant contributions to her work environment. Criteria to be evaluated includes upward career mobility, leadership skills and a promising future. The nominee must be in their first profession or transitioned careers and have been there for less than 10 years.

_____ **Excellence in Business (For Profit or Nonprofit Sector)** - The nominee, who must own at least 50 percent of a business that is at least five years old, will be evaluated on her experience and management of resources to solve problems and survive business and economic cycles. Her use of human and financial resources will be evaluated in relation to overall success of her business.

_____ **Excellence in Business Development (For Profit or Nonprofit Sector)** - The nominee must demonstrate a proven track record as evidenced by management recognition, company awards and consistently exceeding sales or marketing, fundraising and business development performance goals. The nominee's overall success and approach will also be evaluated.

_____ **Excellence in Management (For Profit or Nonprofit Sector Organization)** - The nominee must demonstrate steady growth and continued development of management and leadership skills. Criteria to be evaluated include the nominee's initiative and willingness to take risks, her ability to implement creative solutions to overcome challenges and her ability to seize opportunities created for herself or her employees.

_____ **Excellence in the Professions (For Profit or Nonprofit Sector)** - The nominee may be an employee of an existing for-profit or non-profit organization or company or a self-employed professional. She must demonstrate leadership and a willingness to teach and mentor others in her profession and consistently uphold the standards and ethics that govern her field. A professional license is not required for this category.

_____ **Distinguished Career (For Profit or Nonprofit Sector)** - The nominee must have at least 25 years of experience and demonstrate a lifetime of exemplary contribution to her field and the community. Willingness to teach and mentor others in her profession and consistently uphold the standards and ethics that govern her field.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES:

Essay Response Worksheet

Each response to the questions listed below is limited to 250 words. (**Please note:** The Selection Committee will only consider the first 250 words of each response if the word count is exceeded). We highly recommend that the nominator contact the nominee to gain accurate and comprehensive information relevant to the award category.

1. Describe the nominee's career progression relating to the award description.
2. Describe the nominee's most important professional accomplishment relating to the award description.
3. What has been the nominee's greatest challenge and how was that challenge overcome?
4. Describe the nominee's community involvement and volunteer participation.
5. What makes this nominee uniquely deserving of a Women of Excellence Award?
6. Required for "Excellence in Business" category only – please provide proof of ownership and the year the company was established.

Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of Recommendation are required to support the nomination. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider any additional letters submitted.

The Selection Committee (made up of past recipients) bases its decision on the information provided in the application. We encourage you to provide complete answers and detailed information.

Nominator Information

If you are nominating someone for an award, please fill out the contact information below:

Name _____

Organization Name _____

Title _____

Organization Address _____

Organization Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

How should the nominee be contacted about the results? _____ I will contact _____ Chamber should contact

Please submit completed nomination to: Debbie Quirk by email: dquirk@capitalregionchamber.com or fax: (518) 431-1478.

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