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YMCA - YWCA
WOMEN OF
DISTINCTION
AWARDS

MAY 2, 2012 WINNIPEG CONVENTION CENTRE

Do you know **an Inspiring Woman** who is **an outstanding achiever** who has made a unique and exemplary contribution to the development of others and to her community?

Is a pioneer who inspires us through her creativity, leadership, compassion and dedication?

Is a role model and advocate for women by using her talents, vision and determination to make the world a better place?

CELEBRATE HER ACHIEVEMENT!



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NOMINATION PACKAGE

NOMINATION PROCESS & SUBMISSION

PLEASE REVIEW THE NOMINATION GUIDELINES ON OUR WEBSITE BEFORE MAKING A NOMINATION

Nominees must be at least 18 years of age and must be a resident of Winnipeg and surrounding areas.

BOUNDARIES ARE:

South to the Canada-US border; East to the Manitoba-Ontario border; North to the 53rd parallel.

- All submissions should be typed or printed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, single sided
- Previous nominees may be re-nominated
- Past award recipients may be re-nominated in a different category
- A nominee may only be nominated in one category each year
- Please retain a copy of the nomination form and materials
- Nominees and nominators will be advised in writing whether their nomination has been accepted
- There is no provision for posthumous nominations

1 COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM

This is found on the back of this document.

2 STATEMENT OF NOMINATION

Please respond to each of the three questions. Please use point form and provide specific examples. Do not exceed one 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper (minimum 12 point font) per question.

We encourage you to showcase the exceptional achievements of your nominee. Previous nominators have found it helpful to work with colleagues, peers, family and friends in putting a submission together. All nomination submissions are evaluated based on a nomination package which outlines a nominee's achievements, her contribution to being a role model for other women and to the well-being of her community.

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL WEIGHTING.

a) What are the nominee's unique and outstanding achievements?

- Breaking new ground or old barriers
- Making a distinct and describable difference

b) How has the nominee contributed as a role model for other women?

- Enriches or enables others by virtue of involvement with or the influence of this nominee
- Demonstrates vision and pioneering spirit in the advancement of women and the quality of women's lives
- Willingly shares her ongoing knowledge skills and talents
- Supports and encourages personal and professional growth
- Demonstrates admirable qualities such as responsible leadership, strong interpersonal relationships and professional excellence

c) How has the nominee contributed to the well being of the community?

- Contributions which enhance the lives of others in her local, national or international community in any way such as socially, economically or culturally
- Being an agent for change within community groups/ organizations that serve others
- Affiliation and participation with cultural organizations
- Through her volunteer work and/or employment

3 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Please provide up to two letters of support which further demonstrate the impact the nominee has made as outlined in the statement of nomination

- Letters should not exceed 2 pages in length
- Letters of support should not come from the Nominator

4 PHOTOGRAPHS

Please submit a recent head and shoulder photograph, preferably in digital format (675 x 900 pixels) on a disc or CD. Please label the photo/disc with the nominee's name and category. A copy of this photograph will appear in the souvenir program available at the Awards Dinner.

5 RESUME

Please attach a resume (maximum three pages) which outlines the nominee's background, career and present work or activity including organizational involvement, volunteer activities, education, awards, recognitions and other achievements.



AWARD CATEGORIES

ARTS SPONSORED BY THE WINNIPEG FREE PRESS

This award recognizes an outstanding woman's achievements in the expression, performance, development, preservation or patronage of the visual, literary, performing or creative arts. She may express herself artistically, encourage others to find their own creative expression and/or promote the value of the arts as integral to the life of the community.

VOLUNTARISM, ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT SPONSORED BY GREAT-WEST LIFE

This award recognizes an outstanding woman who inspires and mentors others through involvement in voluntary community programs or organizations, or philanthropic endeavours. She has shown her dedication by creating, participating in or adapting programs to meet community needs in the areas of social services, community building and human rights.

CULTURE

This award recognizes an outstanding woman who shares and honours the vision, spirit and traditions of her culture. She makes significant contributions in the protection, preservation, awareness and dissemination of her traditions, language, ceremonies, practices, beliefs and history for present and future generations.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP SPONSORED BY INVESTORS GROUP

This award recognizes an outstanding woman who is an educator or mentor in many avenues of life and inspires a passion for personal growth, development and life-long learning through the education system, employee training and development, community education or alternative programs. She may be developing innovative programs and/or building a strong rapport with learners, parents, colleagues or the community at large to foster learning in a broader sense.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SPONSORED BY THE WINNIPEG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This award recognizes an outstanding woman who is acknowledged in her field for her professional leadership. She is committed to excellence, creates and inspires a positive work environment and influences and motivates positive change in her profession, trade or workplace whether it is in Business, Government, Union, or the Not-For Profit Sector.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS SPONSORED BY CTV

This award is for outstanding achievement in the communication of ideas or shaping public opinion through the media, advertising, public relations or marketing endeavours. She has raised awareness and used her talents and knowledge to make change or to have an impact on the community.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SPONSORED BY MANITOBA INNOVATION, ENERGY AND MINES

This award recognizes contributions of an outstanding woman in a science-related field including pure and applied sciences, social sciences, engineering and life sciences, medicine, technology, agriculture or the environment. She is dedicated to the advancement of technological, scientific or industrial discovery through either research or application, or to the preservation, protection or improvement of the environment.

WELLNESS, HEALTHY LIVING AND RECREATION

This award recognizes an outstanding woman who enriches her community by fostering and/or promoting better living standards. She promotes healthier lifestyles through participation and/or leadership in fitness, well-being, sports, recreation, active hobbies or healthy living.

YOUNG WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

TD BANK FINANCIAL GROUP

This award recognizes a young outstanding woman between the ages of 18 and 29, who is respected and admired for her leadership, achievements and contributions to her school, workplace and/or community and is a positive influence on her peers. She has shown perseverance, maturity, innovation and compassion and is "making her mark".

CIRCLE OF INSPIRATION SPONSORED BY MANITOBA LOTTERIES

This award recognizes a formal or informal group or organization of two or more women whose collaboration has resulted in outstanding achievements or valuable contributions to the advancement or well-being of their community or communities. Collectively, they have a shared vision and have worked together at the grassroots level, addressing issues of poverty, at-risk groups or populations or ensuring access to programs and services that will enhance and improve the lives of individuals in their communities.



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CATEGORY _____

Full Name (Nominee's/Group's) _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ Business _____

Cellular _____ Email _____

Date of Birth (for Young Woman of Distinction category only) _____

I certify that the information in this nomination submission is true and correct in its entirety, and hereby allow my name to stand for nomination. I understand that my name, photograph and contact information may be given to the media.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Nominee's/Group Representative)

FOR PUBLICATION AND INTRODUCTORY PURPOSES, PLEASE PROVIDE:

First Name _____ Last _____

(Individual/Group)

Phonetic Spelling [example: Alyssa (Aleesa) Michaluk (Mitch-a-luck)]:

First Name _____ Last _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name to Appear in Program _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ Business _____

Cellular _____ Email _____

I have read the information in this nomination, and, as the nominator certify it to be true and correct in its entirety. I consent to my name being released to the media as the nominator.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Nominator/Contract Signature)

DEADLINE FOR
NOMINATIONS IS
February 27, 2012
at 10:30 p.m.

EARLY BIRD
NOMINATION
DEADLINE

February 14, 2012
at 10:30 p.m.

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FOR THE GALA EVENT

For more information
please contact
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Nomination forms are
also available on-line
at **ywinnipeg.ca** or at any
YMCA-YWCA branch.



Nominations should be submitted
to the Women of Distinction Awards,
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3K 0Z8