

2021 Nomination Guidelines

Do you know an outstanding woman who deserves recognition? We encourage you to nominate a **Woman of Distinction** who has made a significant impact in her community. Since 1981, the **YWCA Regina Women of Distinction** awards have recognized women from a diverse variety of backgrounds, each becoming a catalyst for change through their work, talent, skills, and abilities.

By nominating a woman, you are also supporting YWCA Regina's largest fundraising event. These funds will help us break down barriers for women and girls, promote safety and security, empower children and youth, and speak out for women and their families.





Who is a Woman of Distinction?

A Woman of Distinction has made a commitment to and a significant difference in her community and world, and her achievements demonstrate vision, creativity and initiative. In a year that has been like no other, she has stepped up to answer the call for service from her community.

For example, she may have:

- Achieved outstanding success in her chosen field
- Broken new ground, overcome barriers or been an agent for change
- Participated actively as a volunteer
- Made significant contributions to the community
- Served as a leader and as a positive role model
- Provided significant mentorship to girls and/or women

Key Dates

-  *Nomination Deadline:* April 14th 2021
-  *Finalist Filming:* May 1st – 8th 2021
-  *Category Week:* May 17th – May 22nd 2021
-  *Award Announcement Evening:* May 29th 2021

Submitting A Nomination

Send by email: events@ywcaregina.com

- **MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59 PM ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 14TH 2021**
- Late submissions will not be considered.
- Incomplete forms will not be considered.
- Once submitted, nomination packages cannot be edited or altered.
- Digital files of photos are required as part of the nomination form. These can be sent via email, through an online service such as WeTransfer, or on a USB drive that will be returned once the files are downloaded.

Award Category Descriptions

Frontline Worker

This award will honour an everyday hero who rolls up her sleeves to make sure every member of her community is taken care of. She is a woman who is facing the Covid-19 pandemic head on through her work on the front lines. She is considered an essential worker and is perhaps an educator, a first responder, a delivery driver, an early childcare provider, a grocery worker, or a custodian. She exemplifies courage and leadership on the front line and through her work, promotes the health and safety of her team and members of the community.

Community Champion

This award will honour a woman who is an outstanding member of our community. She is a visionary trailblazer, a source of strength for her community, and has improved and enriched the lives of others during the pandemic. She leads, mentors and inspires others through involvement in community programs, causes or groups. She has shown her dedication by creating, participating in, or adapting programs to meet community needs. She is recognized as a source of strength and heart in her community.

Entrepreneurship & Trades

This award will honour a woman who continues to successfully navigate the challenges of being an entrepreneur through the pandemic. Her achievements have broken down barriers and inspired change in a time where businesses must adapt. She could be running a business, filling a need in an existing market, or laying plans for a new vision of the future. She could be a leader in the skilled trades, industry or services sector where her achievements have broken down barriers and inspired positive change through the pandemic.

Health Care Hero

This award honours a woman who is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all people in her community. Through her work in the health care sector, she directly responds to the needs of individuals impacted by the pandemic. Perhaps she is a doctor, nurse, a medical officer or individual working in long-term care who provides patient advocacy support and care. She is called by her duty of care and shows up time and time again for those who need her. She elevates the value of physical, mental or spiritual well-being of every one she comes across and demonstrates leadership in health care, recreation, or community programming.

Pandemic Innovator

This award honours a woman who is an industry trailblazer, developing innovative solutions in response to the pandemic. Perhaps she is working in the field of science, technological, industrial or medical spaces to advance solutions and provide outside-the-box thinking and results. Perhaps she has leveraged her skillset in the fields of engineering, applied science, social sciences, life sciences, technology or a skilled trade to support individuals and her community. She is working for the advancement of technological or scientific discovery through research or application.

Young Women of Distinction

This award will honour a woman who is between the ages of 14 to 25 who has demonstrated leadership at school, in the community, or in her workplace throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. She demonstrates perseverance, innovation and uses her voice to create change in her community. This young woman is committed to a cause, dream or course of action to uplift others. She is an advocate and leader for years to come.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominee Criteria

- The nominee must be a woman living in southern Saskatchewan at the time of the nomination. Southern Saskatchewan is considered to be the area south of Davidson.
- Posthumous nominations cannot be accepted.
- Any nominee submission for all categories except the Young Woman of Distinction must be a woman who is 18 years of age or older as of 11:59 pm on Wednesday, April 14th 2021.
- All nominees for the Young Woman of Distinction Award must be between the ages of 14-25.
- A woman may be a nominee in only one category each year. Past award recipients may be re-nominated in a category in which they did not receive an award in previous years. Nominees who were not recipients may be re-nominated in subsequent years in the same or in a different category.
- Nominee applications must align with the categories available for nomination and the values of YWCA Regina
- To avoid conflict of interest, neither the nominee nor the nominator may be a member of the Women of Distinction Committee, the Women of Distinction Nomination or Selections Committees, YWCA Regina Board of Directors or YWCA Regina staff.

Finalist Criteria

- All Women of Distinction Award Finalists must be women living in southern Saskatchewan. Southern Saskatchewan is considered to be the area south of a line running south Davidson.
- All Finalists for the Young Woman of Distinction Award must be between the ages of 14-25 years of age.
- All Finalists in all categories except the Young Woman of Distinction Award must be at least 18 years of age or older.
- All Finalists must give consent in writing to being a Women of Distinction Finalist, confirm the accuracy and completeness of finalist information, agree to the publication of their name and photo and agree to attend the photo and video production days.
- A woman may be a Finalist in only one category each year. Past award recipients may be finalists in other years for a category in which they did not receive an award. Finalists who were not recipients may be re-nominated in subsequent years in the same or in a different category.
- All Finalists must align with the values and mission of YWCA Regina

Nominator Criteria

- 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 materials by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, April 14th 2021.

Nomination Adjudication Process

- Nominations are reviewed when they are received to confirm their eligibility. YWCA Regina retains the right to refuse or remove 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.

Finalist Adjudication & Award Selection Process

- From the list of nominees presented to the Selections Committee, Finalists for each category are chosen to be considered as the Award Recipient by the Selections Committee.
- Finalists are selected based upon the strength of the application in relation to the category in which they are submitted.
- Selections are made in consideration of equity and balanced representation from various sectors in coordination with the category descriptions and values of YWCA Regina.
- Finalists and Award Recipients are selected by the Selections Committee, which functions separate from YWCA Regina and the Women of Distinction Committee, and whose members are selected to provide fair and diverse representation, reflecting a balance of interests, influences and expertise.
- All deliberations of the Selections Committee will be treated confidentially and the decisions of the Selections Committee are final.
- All nomination packages are reviewed by the Selections Committee.
- Nominations will be adjudicated for selection as a finalist based solely on the information provided in the nomination package, which may be confirmed or clarified in discussion with the nominee, the nominator, and/or those providing references.

Questions?

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