

2022 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 their community. Since 1981, the **YWCA Regina Women of Distinction Awards** have recognized women pursuing innovation and using their voices, talent, abilities to be agents of change in the community.

This event 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 their community and world. Their achievements demonstrate vision, innovation, initiative, and a desire to make an impact for those they work with and serve every day. A Woman of Distinction is not just a member of her community, but a person making an active effort within that community to make a tangible and longstanding difference.

Individuals and groups are open to nomination for this year's awards.

Nominees may have:

- Been an agent for change
- Achieved outstanding success in her chosen field
- Broken new ground and overcome barriers
- Succeeded in a non-traditional role
- Led by example to enact 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

Nomination Deadline

- **Friday, April 8th 2022**

Submitting A Nomination

Easily Submit Your Nomination Online by clicking [HERE](#)

- **MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59 PM ON FRIDAY APRIL 8TH 2022**
- 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 and supporting materials are required as part of the nomination form. These can be sent via email directly to events@ywcaregina.com, or through an online service such as WeTransfer. Digital images can also be submitted on a USB drive delivered to YWCA Regina that will be returned once the files are downloaded.

Any questions? Reach out to us directly by emailing events@ywcaregina.com

Award Category Descriptions

Leadership in Business

This award will honour a woman or group of women who display leadership and a commitment to excellence in the workplace. She has made a significant and sustained difference in Southern Saskatchewan while leveraging her achievements and business acumen to facilitate change and create opportunities. She demonstrates respect for, and engagement with her community, clients and colleagues. She may be a CEO, senior executive, professional, entrepreneur or leader in her chosen field or profession.

Social Action & Advocacy

This award will honour a woman or group of women who are leading social action, volunteering and humanitarianism in the community. She dedicates her career, time, or personal interests toward lending a hand to organizations and causes in the community. She has made a significant and sustained difference in Southern Saskatchewan while leveraging passion, position, and desire to enact change through inspiring, educating, and creating action toward the causes she cares about. She motivates others to use their voice, take action, and make change in the community.

Women in Non-Traditional Roles

This award will honour a woman or group of women who are breaking ground and displaying leadership in a role that is considered non-traditional. Non-traditional is defined as any occupation in which women make up 25% or less of the total workforce. She has made a significant and sustained difference in the Southern Saskatchewan area. She works to create opportunities for women in her chosen industry or field, uplifting them to succeed in these non-traditional roles. She may work in the fields of science, technology, engineering, agriculture, farming, trades and construction or any other non-traditional industry.

Education, Training & Development

This award will honour a woman or group of women who inspire a passion for lifelong learning and development in those around her. She has made a significant and sustained difference in the Southern Saskatchewan area. She contributes through practice, research or administration in a learning environment including the education system, employee training and development, community education and/or alternative programs. She motivates others to gain knowledge, set goals or seek opportunities. She may be an academic, educator, administrator or other champion of learning.

Indigenous Resurgence in Action

This award will honour a woman or group of women who are answering the call for Indigenous cultural resurgence and reconciliation. She has made a significant and sustained difference in Southern Treaty 4 area of Saskatchewan through her commitment to reestablishing cultural practices which may include language revitalization, ceremonial teachings and programming, along with advocacy on Treaty and Inherent rights recognition, reconciliation actions in community conversation, relationship building and making a difference. She may be part of a group or working independently to advocate and find a new way forward. She inspires, motivates, and leads by action to create the change she wants to see.

Research, The Sciences & Technology

This award will honour a woman or group of women who have made a dedicated pursuit of scientific, technological, and or research based discoveries. She has made a significant and sustained difference in the Southern Saskatchewan area. She is highly respected in her field and is a sought-after visionary whose approach to her industry and/or program signifies her leadership and critical thinking abilities. She may be a scientist, researcher, senior administrator or other leader in innovation.

Young Woman of Distinction

This award will honour a young woman or group of women between the ages of 14 to 25 in the Southern Saskatchewan area who have made a significant and sustained difference in her chosen field of work, education,

or volunteering. She demonstrates leadership, maturity and compassion. She has made a significant difference through her commitment to a cause or pursuit of a personal dream while showing perseverance, innovation and a keen understanding of community issues.

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.
- If the nomination package is submitted for a group of women, all women included and recognized within the group must fall under the nominee criteria individually.
- 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 Friday April 8th 2022.
- 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 purpose 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 work and purpose 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 Friday April 8th 2022

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 work and purpose 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.
- Final category selection is determined by the Selections Committee. Upon assessment of nominee application, a better suited category may be identified by the Selection Committee and will be communicated in the selection confirmation email that is sent to all finalists.
- Selections are made in consideration of equity and balanced representation from various sectors in coordination with the category descriptions and work and purpose 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? We are here to help!

Please contact:

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