



19th Annual Women of Distinction Awards



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. Nominee must be a resident (year round or seasonal) of Muskoka.
2. Nominees eligible for the Young Woman of Distinction Award are 30 years of age or under as of December 31, 2020.
3. Nominees for the Lifetime Achievement Award are 55 years of age or older as of December 31, 2020 and has not been a Woman of Distinction award recipient within the past 10 years.
4. YWCA Muskoka staff, Board and their immediate family members are not eligible to be nominators or nominees.
5. Previous award nominees are eligible to be nominated.
6. Previous award recipients are ineligible with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement award.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Nominations can be submitted by one individual.
2. Nominations are no longer made to a specific category, with the exception of Lifetime Achievement and Young Woman of Distinction.
3. Nominees and Nominators are honoured guests at the Nominees reception to be held on July 15, 2020 at YWCA Muskoka
4. Award recipients will be notified before the Gala and a public announcement will be made September 1, 2020.
5. Attending the Gala is a criteria for all award recipients.
6. Award recipients and a guest will receive a complimentary Gala ticket. Nominees will be able to purchase Gala tickets at the YWCA member rate.

2020 AWARD CATEGORIES:

Young Woman of Distinction

This young woman, 30 years of age or under, is making significant contributions to her school, community, and/or work place. She demonstrates innovation, leadership, and inspires others to follow her example.

Lifetime Achievement

This woman is 55 years of age or more has made a significant difference in the quality of life in her community. She responds to individual and societal needs with dedication, compassion, and courage.

Woman of Distinction

An 'open' category for any woman or person identifying as female. This woman is an inspiring role model for others.

What are some of the qualities of a Woman of Distinction?

- She uses her gifts and skills to the best of her ability
- She is inclusive and respects diversity
- She is an innovator or entrepreneur – in private or public sector
- She contributes to recreational, creative, athletic activities in Muskoka
- She volunteers and promotes the values of community building
- She may have faced adversity and persevered
- She encourages others to reach for their full potential.
- She promotes health in body, mind and spirit.
- She guides others to grow and attain success throughout their lives.
- She has increased awareness of important issues and strives to improve women's rights, social justice, peace building, and/or the environment.
- She advocates for a better quality of life for vulnerable persons.
- The contributions she is making are providing significant and lasting benefit to her community.
- She is a leader in her own way.

Please Email, Mail, or Fax Completed Nomination Packages to:

office@ywcamuskoka.com or fax: 705-645-4804

2020 Deadline for Nominations:

Tuesday, June 30, 4 pm

19th Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Gala

Friday, October 23, 2020

Rene Caisse Theatre, Bracebridge

Tickets: \$95

\$75/YWCA Members & Nominees

Tickets will be available September 1



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NOMINATION PACKAGE

To be completed by the Nominator(s)*: (limit of four typed pages)

- What are the qualities that make the nominee a Woman of Distinction?
- How has she been an inspiration to others?
- Describe her achievements and accomplishments and how they have benefitted others.
- How does she meet the criteria of Young Woman/Lifetime Achievement (if applicable)

Please note: The selection panel relies upon the nominators to provide a clear, detailed submission to help them get to know the outstanding qualities of the nominee.

***Please include all the questions in your submission. Please use point form!**

To be completed by the Nominee:

1. Answering the questions below are a required part of the nomination.
2. This information is important for the selection committee and may be used in promotional materials.
3. Nomination can be submitted in **written** or **video** format. Please submit the video via email or a link to a private YouTube or Vimeo.
4. Written submission max. 2 pages.
5. Video submission max 5 min.

Please answer the following questions:

- What is your background?
- Who has influenced you?
- What has been your impact on others?
- What are your hopes for the future?

Nomination Packages:

The Women of Distinction Committee will screen the nomination packages for completeness and forward to the selection panel. The selection panel is made up of an independent group of individual volunteers from all over Muskoka who use a standardized matrix for decision making and are not employed by the YWCA Muskoka.

The nomination deadline is **June 30, 2020 at 4:00 pm**. Extensions can be granted at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Completed Nomination Checklist: (*Required for nomination to be confirmed)

- Nomination form, signed by nominee and nominator(s).*
- Nominee submission (written or video submission).*
- Maximum four typed pages to be completed by the nominator(s).*
- Recent photo of nominee (head shot).



OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY (check one only):

- Young Woman of Distinction
- Lifetime Achievement
- Woman of Distinction (Specific categories may be attributed by the Selection Panel)

NOMINEE

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City and Postal Code: _____

Telephone (home and cell): _____

Email: _____

I hereby consent to the collection, use, and disclosure by the Community YWCA of Muskoka, in any of its promotional media, including its website, or through the distribution to media, of my name, photograph, and general information about me and confirm the acceptance of this nomination.

Nominee's Signature* _____ **Date:** _____

*NOTE: Nominee's signature represents consent to nomination, use of her photo, and information in media publications and if awarded, agreement to attend the Women of Distinction Gala.

NOMINATOR(S) *Only one nominator required

	Nominator	Nominator
Name		
Address		
City and Postal Code		
Telephone (Home and cell)		
Email		
Signature		
Date		

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