

Women of Distinction Awards



Awards Gala • June 3, 2010

Northlands Expo Centre • 7300 - 116 Avenue • Edmonton, AB

*Nomination Deadline: March 19, 2010

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE YWCA

Ph. 780.423.9922 ext 281 or 237 • Fax: 780.425.7467 • www.ywcaofedmonton.org

Advocacy

in the promotion of emotional, social, intellectual or spiritual advancement, thereby having a significant effect on Edmonton area residents.

Arts, Culture & Heritage

in the visual, literary, film, performing arts or other forms of cultural work, thereby enriching artistic life or cultural heritage in Edmonton and area.

Athletics, Recreation & Fitness

in athletics, recreation or fitness, in either a participatory or advisory role, thereby enhancing the physical well-being of Edmonton and area residents.

Business/Management & The Professions

in business management, administration or contribution to her profession, for the benefit of Edmonton and area.

Community Service

in a volunteer capacity in any area, thereby enriching the lives of Edmonton and area residents.

Education

in the field of learning, for the educational advancement of Edmonton and area residents.

Entrepreneurs

in an enterprising and progressive business endeavor for the benefit of Edmonton and area residents.

Health & Medicine

in nursing, medicine or the health professions for the care, cure and comfort of the sick or the promotion of physical or mental health in Edmonton and area.

Inroads

for a woman recognized for making inroads into non-traditional or new career areas, such as industry and the trades, or fields related to environmental, scientific or technology-based work in Edmonton and area.

Post-Secondary Education

in the field of post-secondary instruction, for excellence in teaching or innovation in research, promoting the overall advancement of her given field in Edmonton and area.

Turning Point

for a woman recognized for undertaking a definite change in her life's direction, and who has used this significant transformation to move toward new goals for the improvement of herself, her family or the community in Edmonton and area.

Youth: 18 & Under

in any achievement of volunteer capacity, demonstrating peer influence and leadership ability, and showing the promise of a continuing, maturing and significant contribution in Edmonton and area.

*** Deadline may change, based on increased community interest**

Carrie Doll, Honorary Chair



Nomination Form 2010

Nominee (please print)

Name: _____
 Honoric (ie. Dr., Honourable): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Province: _____
 Postal Code: _____ Res. Phone: _____
 Bus. Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

Nominator (please print)

Name: _____
 Relationship to Nominee: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Province: _____
 Postal Code: _____ Res. Phone: _____
 Bus. Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

Category (please print)

- Advocacy
- Athletics, Recreation & Fitness
- Community Service
- Entrepreneurs
- Inroads
- Turning Point

- Arts, Culture & Heritage
- Business/Management & The Professions
- Education
- Health & Medicine
- Post-Secondary Education
- Youth: 18 & Under

I consent to my nomination for the above YWCA WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD. I give consent for my name, photograph and biography to be published in the media, in connection with these Awards. I commit to attending the Nominee's Reception at the Crowne Plaza - Château Lacombe, and the Awards Gala on June 3, 2010 at Northlands Expo Centre.

 Nominee's Signature

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature (if nominee is under 18)

I hereby declare the information contained in this nomination form to be true to the best of my knowledge.

 Nominator's Signature

How did you hear about our event? _____

Nomination Deadline*

Nominations must be received no later than 4:00p.m on March 19, 2010, at the YWCA Edmonton office:
 100, Main Floor, 10350 - 124 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5N 3V9

*** Deadline may change, based on increased community interest**



Final Check List

Have you included originals of:

- the nomination form signed by both nominee and nominator (one nominator only)
- signed letters of support (minimum 2, maximum 5)
- a short biography of the nominee (must be 100-120 words); this bio will be printed in the Awards Gala Program
- the nominee's resume (this item is optional)

Nominator Guidelines

- Describe the nominee's contributions and/or achievements, as related to her nomination category, on one typewritten page or less. Describe the significance of the contribution(s) or achievement(s), measured in terms of the community (e.g. effect, innovation, needs met) or the individual (e.g. barriers overcome, initiative, leadership, perseverance, dedication). ***This counts as one letter of support***
- Submit no fewer than two and no more than five letters of support indicating public or peer recognition of the nominee's contribution or achievement. Please DO NOT attach any award certificates, newspaper clippings, CDs, etc. All support letters MUST include the contact information for the person writing the letter, in case there is a need for corroboration. All letters MUST be signed by the writer.
- Please provide a short biography of the Nominee (100-120 words maximum). Resumes may be included. See the YWCA Edmonton website for examples of previous biographies. www.ywcaofedmonton.org
- A professional photographer will take photographs of nominees, which will be used for promotional purposes. Nominees will be contacted to schedule an appointment with the photographer.
- Please submit the original nomination form and originals of all letters and other supporting documents, and keep a copy for your records.



Nominee Qualifications / Info

- The nominee must be female and living at the time of nomination.
- The nominee need not be a resident of Edmonton at the time of the nomination, but must be closely identified with Edmonton and be recognized for contributions to the greater Edmonton community.
- Nominees, as guests of the YWCA, must commit to attending the Nominees' Reception at the Crowne Plaza - Chateau Lacombe, and the Women of Distinction Awards Gala on June 3, 2010 at Northlands Expo Centre.
- Previous recipients of a YWCA Women of Distinction Award may be renominated in a different category or, after a significant new achievement, in the same category in which they were formerly recipients.
- All nominees consent by their signature on the nomination form to the publication of their names, photographs and biographies. Media may request photos, biographies or interviews with Nominees or Award Recipients. The YWCA will not provide Nominees' personal contact information directly to the media or other inquirers, but will contact the Nominees or Award Recipients to forward any media interview requests.
- The Women of Distinction Committee reserves the right to reclassify a nominee to a more appropriate category, or to close an overpopulated category.

Nominator Qualifications

- Individuals, male or female, who have resided in the greater Edmonton area, may nominate deserving women in any category, but not more than one woman per category.
- The nominator must not be a member of the YWCA Women of Distinction Steering Committee, Selection Committee, YWCA Board of Directors or YWCA staff.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee is comprised of volunteers from the community. They are chosen because they are strong representatives of at least one of the award categories.

IMPORTANT: The Selections Committee will base their decisions exclusively on the letters and other information submitted in this package.

- The originality, innovation, excellence or effect of the nominee's contribution.
- The personal integrity, leadership ability, dedication and/or perseverance of the nominee.
- The public support and/or peer recognition of the nominee's achievement or contribution.
- The impact of the nominee's contribution in the Edmonton community, profession or field of endeavor.

All nominations will be treated confidentially. Nominators may be contacted to confirm the appropriate category and/or to clarify information provided in the nomination form.

The names of the YWCA Women of Distinction recipients will be kept strictly confidential until announced at the Awards Gala, on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Northlands Expo Centre.

Tips on Writing a Letter of Support

IMPORTANT: When writing your letter of support, Please keep in mind that the Selections Committee will base their decisions exclusively on the letters and information submitted.

On a separate page, please write a letter of support for your nominee. It must be no longer than one typewritten page.

Please ensure your letter includes your signature and your contact information – any letters without this information will be excluded from the package.

Consider the following questions as guidelines for content:

- What are the nominee's accomplishments, as relevant to the category in which she is nominated?
- What impact has been felt in our community, or in larger society, by the achievements and contributions of the nominee? For instance, has she helped us change the way we think about issues or solve problems? Has she altered the way we look at justice, discrimination, or barriers to opportunity?
- How has the nominee influenced her profession? For instance, has her work led to a new discovery or innovative technology, created easier access to a career opportunity for others, or affected the work environment in a positive way?
- Has the nominee overcome obstacles or barriers in order to achieve success?
- How has the nominee demonstrated her commitment to the Edmonton and area community?
- What makes the nominee a good role model or mentor?
- How has she demonstrated peer influence or leadership abilities; how do her actions show the promise of future contributions to the Edmonton and area community?

Support your nominee!

Please call: 780.423.9922 ext. 221 for ticket information.

YWCA Edmonton

100, 10350-124 Street
Edmonton, AB T5N 3V9
Phone: 780.423.9922 ext. 281 or 237
Fax: 780.425.7467
information@ywcaofedmonton.org

Additional forms available at
www.ywcaofedmonton.org

