

The YWCA WINGS award is intended to encourage development in women both professionally and personally—through mentoring and financial support. The WINGS award is given annually to a **W**oman to **I**mprove her skills for a **N**otable purpose, which allows her to **G**row professionally and to achieve **S**uccess. The YWCA WINGS award was created and is annually sponsored by past recipients of the YWCA Women of Distinction award.

## Notice to WINGS Award Applicants

Your application will only be considered if all of the following documents are **received by YWCA McLean County by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22:**

1. This completed WINGS application form with all sections answered—including, but not limited to your contact information (section 1, p. 1) and your application statements (section 2, p. 2).
2. One completed WINGS reference form that your reference should email/mail/fax separately to YWCA McLean County's contacts below. You must request that a non-relative who knows you and your goals well—such as a co-worker, supervisor, community volunteer coordinator, teacher, etc.—briefly provide why they think you should receive a WINGS award. The WINGS Reference Form is available online at the YWCA McLean County website page for WINGS (or on page 3 of this document).
3. All application materials must be typed or neatly printed in ink that is legible to read.
4. Completed WINGS application forms and reference forms may be:
  - a. Emailed to [ywdevelopment@ywcaclean.org](mailto:ywdevelopment@ywcaclean.org) (subject line: WoD WINGS award); or
  - b. Faxed to (309) 662-4506; or
  - c. Printed and mailed/delivered to:  
YWCA McLean County, Attn: WINGS, 1201 N. Hershey Rd., Bloomington, IL 61704

If you have questions, please visit [www.ywcaclean.org/womenofdistinction](http://www.ywcaclean.org/womenofdistinction), email [ywdevelopment@ywcaclean.org](mailto:ywdevelopment@ywcaclean.org), or call (309) 662-0461.

## Section 1—Applicant Contact Information (required) (please type or neatly print in ink)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Optional:* Business or school contact information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this reference form is accurate and current. I also certify that I understand the award selection and fund distribution process.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ or by checking this box electronically

**Section 2—WINGS Award 2019 Applicant Statements**

**Applicant name** \_\_\_\_\_

1. In one sentence, please describe your long-term vision. Then in your second sentence, please share your short-term strategies/goals for achieving your vision. *[Example of vision: I want to become a (teacher, nurse, small business owner, promotion to next level of certification.) (Example of short-term strategies/goals for achieving your vision: I must enroll in; I need to take two classes; etc.)]*
  
2. In 150 words or less, please explain how you expect to achieve your short term goals with a WINGS award. Your short term goal should be achievable or near achievable with the amount of the WINGS award. [Example: The WINGS award will help to pay for \_\_\_\_\_ courses/certification, buy trainings/materials, pay for child care, etc.]
  
3. Please provide an itemized list of one to three expenses related to improving your skills/education that you hope to partially fund with a WINGS award. Please don't pad your expenses, nor list whole tuition bills. Be realistic, focused, and narrow in your funding request.

Brief Description of expense items	Anticipated cost	Date item will be purchased

4. **In 150 words or less**, please list your volunteer community service—beyond any that is done as a part of your work—that reflects the YWCA mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.