

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING NOMINATION

YWCA McLean County presents the Women of Distinction awards to women who represent outstanding achievement in their field of endeavor and whose achievements are supportive of the YWCA mission. Awards are presented to women who represent a diversity of race, age, occupation, and endeavor. This award is intended to recognize anyone who identifies as a woman.

Women nominated in previous years may be nominated again. Incomplete forms will be returned to nominator for completion. Nominations can come from co-workers, friends, and superiors. Nominations from family members, self-nominations, and those made anonymously will not be considered.

All nominees will be recognized and honored at and leading up to the Women of Distinction awards event on **Thursday, October 15, 2020**. As information about the event is released it will be posted on our website: www.ywcamclean.org/womenofdistinction.

Thank you for your efforts in acknowledging the distinctive women of McLean County! The best nominations are those that are collaborative in nature, where the nominee and the nominator work together. We highly encourage you to please work with your nominee to submit a complete and accurate picture of their accomplishments and to ensure only one nomination is submitted per woman. Please do not submit anything beyond what is required, as it cannot be taken into consideration. Any materials submitted will not be returned.

1. Nominations **must** be typed or submitted online at www.ywcamclean.org/womenofdistinction.
2. Please provide a recent resume or C.V. for nominee. (Can be uploaded with online nominations or sent via email/mail.)
3. Please provide one (1) letter of recommendation that is not from the nominator or a family member. (Can be uploaded with online nominations or sent via email/mail.)
4. **With nominee approval**, please submit the completed nomination form to YWCA McLean County no later than **Friday, August 28, 2020, before 12 p.m. (noon)**
5. ALL nominees must have their portrait taken. Upon YWCA's recognition of nomination, appointment options will be sent to the nominee. Portraits are free and will remain the property of the photographer and YWCA McLean County.

Nominee: _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Title: _____

Business/Organization/Affiliation: _____

Nominee Home Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Nominee’s Supervisor/Business Partner Name _____

Business/Organization/Affiliation: _____

Work/Org Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Is the nominee aware you are nominating her? Yes No

Please check category (or categories) in which you believe the candidate should be considered, YWCA McLean County reserves the right to determine final category for judging purposes.

- Business/Education** – The Business/Education award is given to a woman who excels in the business or education field and shows outstanding abilities, accomplishments, and leadership. She is an innovator in her field, nurturing and inspiring to others, and continually contributing to the vitality of our community.
- Community Leadership** - The Harriett F. Rust Community Leadership Award is given to a woman who has made significant contributions as a volunteer to better McLean County. This woman contributes greatly to the quality of life in the community through political involvement, public service, government, or social service. She may be elected, appointed, hired, or be a volunteer.
- Human Services** – The Human Services award is given to a woman who works or volunteers in the human services sector and shows great accomplishments and leadership through direct assistance or advocacy that enhances the quality of life for all, especially those who face disadvantages/challenges, in McLean County.
- Mission Impact** – The Mission Impact Award is given to a woman who excels at amplifying the YWCA Mission in their work and daily life. The award honors a woman for her academic/career achievements, community service, advocacy, and commitment to the YWCA Mission of eliminating racism and empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)** – The STEAM award is given to a professional in the field of science, technology, engineering, arts, or math. This woman has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the field of STEAM; helping to break down gender barriers and carve a path not just for herself, but for generations to follow.
- Promise** – The Promise Award is given to a woman who has been in their career for five years or less. A woman of Promise is making significant contributions to her community through her leadership, maturity, innovation, volunteer service, or other special achievements and inspires others to follow her example.

Please answer the following questions in regard to the nominee. Please be as thoughtful and as thorough as possible while working within the word count constraints.

1. Please explain why you think the nominee's personal and/or career journey qualifies them for this award. Please specify how their journey might be interwoven with the YWCA mission of eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. (250 word minimum/750 words maximum)

2. Describe the nominee's qualities of leadership. Please specify if any qualities relate to the YWCA mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. (250 words minimum)

3. How has the nominee demonstrated commitment to improving McLean County? Please specify if the nominee has advanced the YWCA mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all? (250 words minimum)

CERTIFICATION

I certify the information provided on this form is accurate and current and I have informed and/or worked with the nominee to complete the form.

Name: _____

Title: _____ **Company/Organization:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Please submit nomination no later than **12 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020.**

Online at www.ywcamclean.org/womenofdistinction

Or via mail/delivered in person to:

YWCA McLean County Women of Distinction Awards

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