

# 2014 Outstanding Women Awards Nomination Form



In 1979, the **YWCA of Richmond** launched the **Outstanding Women Awards** program in order to recognize women in the Greater Richmond area who have made significant contributions to our community through their exceptional leadership, sustained dedication, and inspiring achievements.

We are very excited to invite you to nominate anyone who you think would fit the criteria for our **Outstanding Women Awards** for **2014**. Thank you for your help in identifying these individuals who do so much for our community!

**Deadline: October 15, 2013**

## criteria for nominees

- Resides in one of the following cities or counties: Charles City, Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Hopewell, New Kent, Petersburg, Powhatan, Prince George or Richmond.
- Exhibits a high level of professional or volunteer achievement and leadership skills.
- Generates significant positive impact on the Greater Richmond community through her endeavors.
- Demonstrates passionate commitment to a cause through her activities.
- Excels in her profession, is highly respected by her peers and is a role model for other women in her field.
- Exemplifies the YWCA of Richmond's commitment to eliminating racism, empowering women and elevating children in her professional and personal life.

## instructions

Please fax, mail or e-mail the completed form to:

**Fax** (804) 643-1314

**Mail** Outstanding Women Awards  
YWCA of Richmond  
6 North Fifth Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

**E-mail** owa@ywcarichmond.org

- The nomination form must be typed.
- Nomination forms, supplemental questions and requested information must be completed in full. Incomplete forms will not be considered. *Space limits must be observed.*
- Please include the nominee's full name and categories at the top of each additional page.
- Two or more people may collaborate on a nomination to ensure an accurate and well-rounded representation of the nominee.

## nominator information

Please complete the information below. Nominator information remains confidential during the selection process.

\_\_\_\_\_  
nominator name

\_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_  
nominator address

\_\_\_\_\_  
home telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
city/state/zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
work telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date nomination submitted

**You may provide up to two additional references for this nominee on a separate sheet. References will not be released to the selection committee unless additional information is required.**

*Please continue to the next page*

## nominee information

nominee's name

place of employment/position

address

date of birth/race

city/state/zip

undergraduate institution/degree

home telephone/work telephone

graduate institution/degree

e-mail address

other education, certifications, etc.

**Please use a maximum of two additional pages (12 point font or larger) to list the nominee's most recent paid or volunteer positions/affiliations. Be sure to include dates, employer/organization name and title/position.**

*I would like to nominate this outstanding woman in the following category: (please check all that apply)*

- Arts** She may be a creator, a performer, an advocate, manager, owner or organizational leader who is committed to promoting the vital role of the arts in the community. This woman has helped shape our cultural community through her involvement in the visual, performing or literary arts.
- Business** She may be an employee, self-employed or a leader of a for-profit organization. In her job she is guided by a strong set of personal values, she inspires and empowers employees and coworkers, and she shares her expertise to make positive change in the community. This woman excels in her business or profession, is highly respected by her peers and is a role model for other women in her field.
- Communications** She demonstrates the highest levels of integrity in her communications efforts and uses her skills to increase understanding and appreciation of our world and the people in it. This woman excels in the field of communications, whether it is media, public relations, advertising, marketing, information technology or a related profession.
- Education** She is innovative, resourceful and dedicated to the critical role educators play in our society and she makes a positive, lasting impact on the people in our community. This woman is dedicated to educating others and helping others achieve a higher level of educational attainment.
- Health & Science** Her accomplishments are recognized as important contributions to the wellbeing of humanity. This woman is a science or health professional who has achieved distinction in her field for her scientific, medical, or humanitarian advancements.
- Human Relations/Faith in Action** She demonstrates an ability to build bridges between diverse groups, to work for the betterment of those around her and to enhance the quality of life of those with whom she is associated. Her actions are guided by an inner faith, spiritual or secular, that sustains her commitment and inspires those around her.
- Law & Government** She is recognized by her colleagues and those she serves as a proponent of social justice, an advocate for fairness and equality, and a builder of bridges between the private and public sectors. This woman may be a law professional, elected official, lobbyist, advocate, or government employee who contributes to the betterment of legal and/or government entities.
- Nonprofit Management** She is devoted to creating and sustaining nonprofit excellence through her work in the management and/or capacity-building of a nonprofit organization or the nonprofit community as a whole. This woman is a leader in the community and may serve as either an administrator or a staff person to a nonprofit organization.
- Volunteerism** She believes in giving back to the community, acts on the power of her convictions, and inspires others by her example. This woman contributes to the community by voluntarily offering her time and expertise to people, organizations or causes in which she believes and for which she can affect positive change.

## questions

**Please attach a maximum of two additional pages (12 point font or larger) to address the following questions:**

*Provide specific examples to support your answers.*

- In 2-3 sentences, describe why the nominee is an Outstanding Woman.
- How has the nominee excelled in her professional and/or volunteer achievement(s)? What distinguishes her from her peers?
- How has the nominee demonstrated sustained community involvement and/or been continually engaged in volunteer activities?
- How have the nominee's efforts/activities made a meaningful impact on the community? Please provide examples of her leadership, passionate commitment to a cause, innovations, and/or any achievements through adversity.
- How have the nominee's achievements helped to further the YWCA of Richmond's mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and elevating children?

**Please direct all questions to Carol Anne Lajoie at  
(804) 980-7302 or [owa@ywcarichmond.org](mailto:owa@ywcarichmond.org)**