



YWCA
BRANDON

A TURNING POINT
FOR WOMEN

30th Women of Distinction Awards Gala **Thursday 2nd March, 2017**

Awards of Distinction will be presented to women who have distinguished themselves through their achievements as individuals, as members of their communities and as role models for other women and girls in stated categories. The presentation of these awards reflects the YWCA Brandon's commitment to increase public recognition of the significant contributions made to our communities by women in all walks of life.





Criteria

In making a nomination, nominators **are required to designate the category** in which the nomination is being made. Please Note: The YWCA Brandon reserves the right to move nominees from the category in which they have been nominated to another category should they deem the fit is better based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee. Nominators should focus on demonstrating as fully as possible (with detailed information and examples) their nominee's **individual achievements, contributions to the well-being of the community, and contributions as role model for other women and girls within the selected category. The Selection Committee will make their decision based only on the information provided by the nominators in the nomination package.**

Individual achievements are achievements that have contributed to the nominee:

- ▶ Being a leader in her field;
- ▶ Breaking new ground or old barriers; and/or;
- ▶ Acting as an advocate or elder supporting women's endeavors;
- ▶ Making a distinct and describable difference.

Contributions to the well-being of the community are contributions that:

- ▶ Enhanced the lives of people in her community (whether defined geographically, socially, economically or culturally);
- ▶ Makes this nominee an agent of change either within her particular community or the world at large.

Contributions as role models for other women and girls are activities or achievements such as:

- ▶ Educating, supporting and encouraging female successors, colleagues, and peers;
- ▶ Encouraging women to follow in particular career paths or achieve greater independence for women in traditional or non-traditional careers;
- ▶ Demonstrating vision and a pioneering spirit in the advancement of women and the quality of women's lives, and displaying qualities such as responsible leadership, perseverance or being a voice for others.

Eligibility

Nominees for a Woman of Distinction Award Must Be:

1. Be at least 30 years of age or older, unless nominated for one of the Young Woman of Distinction Award Categories: (16-21) and (22-29) ;
2. Be a permanent resident of the Brandon, Westman or Parkland areas over the past year;
3. Consent to their nomination;
4. Not be a previous award winner with the exception of a previous award winner being nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award, a previous nominee may also be re-nominated;
5. Be available to attend the Nominee Reception and the Awards Dinner on March 2, 2017.

Award Recipient Selection Committee

Awards Recipients will be selected by a Committee of independent citizens from the Westman area who are chosen to represent a variety of interests, experiences and community involvement. The Committee will be acknowledged at the dinner.



Closing Date for Nominations

Completed forms including the signatures required, together with any additional information **must be received by *January 27, 2017*** by:

Fax: (204) 571-3687

E-mail ywcaadmin@wcgwave.ca

Or Mail: 148 11th Street, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 4J4

For further information or assistance, please contact the YWCA Brandon

Phone: (204) 571-3680 or E-mail ywcaadmin@wcgwave.ca

30th Annual Women of Distinction Award Categories

Leadership in Business Award

This award recognizes an outstanding woman who is acknowledged in her field for her professional leadership. She is committed to excellence, creates and inspires a positive work environment and influences and motivates positive change in her profession, trade or workplace whether it is in Business, Government, Union or the Not-For-Profit Sector.

Arts and Culture Award

This award recognizes a woman's outstanding achievements in the expression, performance, development, preservation or patronage of the visual, literary, performing or creative arts **or** through significant contributes she has made to honour the vision, spirit and traditions of her culture. She makes significant contributions in the protection, preservation, awareness and dissemination of her traditions, language, ceremonies, practices, beliefs and history for present and future generations.

Agriculture Award

This award recognizes a woman's outstanding achievements in all areas of agriculture/horticulture in the community through research, education, business, and/or the promotion of agriculture.

Social Action and Community Service Award

This award recognizes an outstanding woman who inspires, mentors, and advocates on behalf of others through involvement in voluntary community programs or organizations, or philanthropic endeavours. She has shown her dedication by creating, participating in or adapting programs to meet community needs in the areas of social services, community building and human rights.



Excellence in Education Award

This award recognizes an outstanding woman who is an educator or mentor in many avenues of life. She inspires a passion for personal growth, development and life-long learning through the education system, employee training and development, community education or alternative programs.

Healthy Living, Wellness, and Recreation Award

This award recognizes an outstanding woman who enriches her community by fostering and/or promoting better living standards. She promotes healthier lifestyles through participation and/or leadership in fitness, well-being, sports, recreation, active hobbies or healthy living.

Lifetime Achievement Award

This Award honours a woman who has demonstrated courage, persistence and made a unique contribution, throughout her life, to the betterment of her community and/or improving women's lives.

Youth Award (16-21) & Young Woman Award (22-29)

These awards recognizes an outstanding young woman between the ages of 16 and 30, who is respected and admired for their leadership, achievements and contributions to their school, workplace and/or the community and are a positive influence on their peers. They have shown perseverance, maturity, innovation and compassion and are "making their mark".



YWCA Brandon Nomination Form 2017

NOTE: PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE NOMINATION

- Handwriting, at times, presents difficulties for the Selection Committee, please print clearly.
- Nominators may nominate any number of nominees, but must submit a separate nomination form for each nominee.

YWCA Woman of Distinction Nominee:

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

PostalCode _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Residence: _____ Business: _____

Occupation/Position/Title: _____

Award Category: _____

OR

Young Woman of Distinction Nominee: (ages 16 to 21) or (22-29)

Name of Young Woman Nominee: _____

Address: _____

PostalCode _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Residence _____ Business: _____

Award Category: (16-21): _____ Or (22-29): _____

Name of Nominee as it should appear for publication purposes:

First name: _____ Last name: _____



Certification:

I _____, have read the information submitted in this nomination,
(name of nominee)
certify it to be true and correct, and hereby allow my name to stand for nomination for the YWCA Women of Distinction Award.

Signature of Nominee:

(Required for acceptance of nomination.)

Nominated By:

Names and signatures of Individual Nominators or Representatives of the Organization (Two names and signatures are required for the acceptance of a nomination)

Nominator 1: _____

Contact Information:

Address: _____

Residence Telephone: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Cellular: _____

Email: _____

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Nominator 2: _____

Contact Information:

Address: _____

Residence Telephone: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Cellular: _____

Email: _____

Signature _____ **Date:** _____



Responsibility of Nominator(s):

1. Nomination form must be accompanied by a **\$20.00** nominating fee. Fee will cover a YWCA Membership for the nominee for 1 year and other nominating costs.
2. Nominator(s) must purchase the nominee's dinner ticket **(\$70.00)**.
3. Nominators are asked to advise the YWCA Brandon who they are nominating at their earliest convenience and provide us with your contact information.

*It is strongly recommended that the Nominator and Nominee each retain a copy of all nomination papers for their future reference and possible resubmission. Nomination papers received by the YWCA Brandon will not automatically be considered for future awards. Nominations for annual awards must be received following the call for nominations for each specified year.

Please respond to the following questions about the nominee and attach responses to package:

1. **What are the nominee's unique and outstanding individual achievements?**
2. **How has the nominee contributed to the well-being of the community?**
3. **How has the nominee contributed as a role model for other women and girls?**

- ✔ Please do not exceed one 8 ½ x 11" sheet of paper **per** question.
- ✔ Use point form if preferred.
- ✔ Provide specific examples and dates of nominee's achievements and contributions.
- ✔ In addition, nominators may include any other comments or background information (not exceeding 2 pages), which may assist the Selection Committee. This must include specific information not otherwise included in answers 1-3. Do not include letters of general support. The information provided with your nomination will be the only material considered by the selection committee in their decision. Do not exceed the recommended number of pages. Tapes, videos and resumes will not be accepted.
- ✔ Please include a brief biography, not to exceed 100 words, that captures the highlights of your nominee's achievements to be used in the souvenir program and for publication purposes.
- ✔ Please include one digital photograph (preferably a head shot- no larger than 5 x 7) and **no more than five** additional digital photographs of the nominee in relation to her nomination. The photographs will be used in presentations and for publicity purposes. Photos may be submitted via email to: ywcaadmin@wcgwave.ca or on a USB. Please identify the Nominee on the USB or in emailed photos.



- ✔ ALL Nominees MUST be available for one appointment with the photographer (they will be contacted to schedule a photo shoot).
- ✔ Photographs and nomination packages **will not** be returned. Please ensure copies are made for your own records.
- ✔ The nominee must attend a reception prior to the dinner to brief her on the night's events and agenda. Please note that if she receives an award, her speech will be restricted to three minutes.

Thank you for your nomination. Your participation in supporting women's accomplishments is appreciated.

CONSENT FORM

In addition to signing the YWCA Women of Distinction nomination form, the YWCA Brandon also needs your consent to use your information for publicity purposes. Typically, the recipients of your information will be the media such as the newspaper, TV, radio stations, and government offices.

By signing this Consent Form, you are agreeing that you are willing to:

- ✔ Allow us to share information presented on your nomination form;
- ✔ Allow us to use your photograph;
- ✔ Allow us to provide your address to people, primarily the government and the media, who wish to communicate with you directly.

I, _____ (please print) agree to allow the YWCA Brandon to share my personal information and my photograph collected in my nomination package for the 2017 Women of Distinction Awards.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____