

eliminating racism empowering women

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Woman of Distinction 2021

Who is a Woman of Distinction?

She is a woman who inspires us through her imagination, innovation and dedication; her exemplary talent and achievements; her strength of character and the sincerity with which she serves. A woman who possesses passion for the people and places making up her everyday life, who breathes life and energy into our community – this is a Woman of Distinction!

Since 1986, the Grand Island YWCA has honored more than 30 Women of Distinction. These are women who have improved the lives of others through community service, professional achievement, integrity, leadership and dedication to the well-being of others.

Nomination Guidelines and Selection Information

- The nominee is not a YWCA staff member, current board member or committee member, or a past Woman of Distinction award recipient.
- The woman I want to nominate lives, works or volunteers in Grand Island and/or surrounding communities.
- The person I want to nominate has the following characteristics:
 - a role model for other women and has inspired other women and girls to achieve success;
 - has demonstrated excellence, accomplishment and creativity in their profession, community or lives;
 - is dedicated to social justice, racial equality and diversity throughout our community;
 - has exhibited qualities of leadership, teamwork, integrity and dedication;
 - is committed to improving the quality of life in our community.

The winner will be chosen by a panel made up of YWCA board members, past or present, and may include community members and past award recipients. If your nominee is selected, you and the award recipient will be notified upon completion of the review process and you each will receive a complimentary ticket to a banquet to honor YWCA's 2021 Woman of Distinction, which will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 24, 2021.

To review a list of past Woman of Distinction recipients, please visit www.ywca-gi.org/what-were-doing/incredible-women-in-our-community/

How to Nominate a Woman of Distinction

Complete the nomination form below. Responses to each question have word count limits. Submit nomination and professional photograph of nominee by 5:00pm on Tuesday, September 3, 2021. Submissions can be mailed to 211 E Fonner Park Road, Grand Island, NE 68801 or you can email your nomination form and photo to abennett@ywca-gi.org.

Questions

For questions, you may contact Amy Bennett, YWCA Executive Director, at 308-384-9922 or abennett@ywca-gi.org.

Woman of Distinction 2021 Nomination Form

My Contact Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Information: Email _____ Phone (W) _____ (C) _____

Employer: _____ Title: _____

Nominee Contact Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Information: Email _____ Phone (W) _____ (C) _____

Employer: _____ Title: _____

Nominee Demographics (optional; decisions will not be based on responses)

In keeping with the YWCA mission to eliminate racism and empower women, the YWCA ensures that the Woman of Distinction award recipients reflect the rich diversity of the community. Please help us to achieve this goal by indicating the group with which the nominee identifies: (Mark all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Latina or Hispanic
 Native Hawaiian or Asian Pacific Islander White Other _____

Age Range: under 30 30-45 46-64 65+

Why are you nominating this woman?

1. Describe your relationship to/with the nominee (limit 100 words):
2. Summarize your nominee's accomplishments/awards (limit 150 words):
3. How has this person has served as a role model for others in her community or her profession (limit 250 words):
4. How has the nominee demonstrated sustained excellence, accomplishment, and creativity in her profession? (limit 250 words)
5. How has the nominee shown that she actively supports the YWCA mission of eliminating racism and empowering women? (limit 250 words)
6. How has the nominee given back to the community through her time, talent and/or resources? How has the nominee shown initiative or taken on a leadership role as a volunteer? (limit 250 words)
7. State any other reasons why this nominee should be recognized as a Woman of Distinction (limit 250 words):