

ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

The ATHENA Leadership Award celebrates exemplary leadership and is reflective of a quote by Plato: *What is honored in a country will be cultivated there*. Over 7,000 recipients have been honored with the ATHENA Leadership Award since the program's inception in 1982. Presented to leaders across professional sectors, the ATHENA Leadership Award's rich history, international scope and focus on mentorship distinguishes it as one of the most prestigious leadership awards one can receive.

The Criteria

ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees must meet each of the following three criteria:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession.
- Provide valuable services to improve the quality of life for others in their community.
- Actively assist women in achieving their full leadership potential

Qualifications

- ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees may represent either the profit or not-for-profit sector.
- Previous ATHENA Leadership Award Recipients are not eligible for nomination, however past nominees may be nominated again.
- There is no minimum or maximum age qualification that must be met by the nominees.

Completing the Form

- You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination.
- Nomination for the ATHENA Leadership Award must be submitted using this nomination form and format.
- You may include supporting documents (articles, testimonials, etc.) with your completed nomination forms.
- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

The Process: A Selection Committee, made up of a diverse group of community leaders, will review all nominations and select the ATHENA Leadership Award Recipient. The Recipient will be announced at the Cleveland County Chamber Awards Evening March 22, 2025.

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ATHENA Award Program Nomination Form

NOMINEE

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Title/Position: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Business Email: _____

NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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I. PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession.

II. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee provides valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community. Include type and length of service in civic and service organizations and initiatives.

III. PERSONAL LEADERSHIP/MENTORSHIP:

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has actively assisted women in achieving their full leadership potential, and/or demonstrated support for their personal and professional advancement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA:

Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. Include awards, honors, publications, articles and/or testimonials that demonstrate service to their profession, community, and, most importantly, aspiring, and established women leaders.