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ATHENA® 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 8,000 ATHENA awards have been presented 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 development, supporting and honoring women leaders distinguish it as one of the most prestigious leadership awards one can receive.

The ideal candidate will embody the eight principles of enlightened leadership, including:

- Living authentically
- Constantly learning
- Advocating fiercely
- Acting courageously
- Fostering collaboration
- Building relationships
- Giving back
- Celebrating

THE CRITERIA

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

- Has achieved the highest level of professional excellence
- Contributes time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community
- Actively assists others, particularly women, in realizing 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 ATHENA Leadership Award nominees.

COMPLETING THE FORM

- You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination.
- Nominations 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 form.

Electronic submission via email (elyons@MBAmi.org) is preferred. Or you may return completed forms to the Midland Business Alliance, 300 Rodd Street, Ste. 101, Midland MI 48640.

Nomination deadline is Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

The ATHENA Award recipient will be announced at the MBA Annual Meeting on October 14, 2021, held at the Great Hall Banquet and Convention Center.



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ATHENA Award Nomination Form

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DIRECTIONS FOR THIS APPLICATION (please read all steps):

- Go to **FILE**, then **SAVE AS** and save this document to your own hard drive under a **new name**.
- When finished, save the document and email it to elyons@MBAmi.org.
- Your completed application form will then be sent to the Selection Committee.

Date _____

NOMINEE

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Company/Organization Name _____

Title/Position _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Work Phone _____ Business Email _____

NOMINATOR

Name _____

Company/Organization Name _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I. PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

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

II. COMMUNITY SERVICE:

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:

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA:

Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. List awards, honors received, publications or articles supporting service to their profession, industry or community.

Past Local Recipients:

Joanne Reeves, Rose-Marie McQuaid, Gwen Lang, Sue MacKellar, Donna Rapp, Janet McGuire, Nancy Ohle, Sharon Miller, Carol Campbell, Elyse Rogers, Kathleen Fuce-Hobohm, Jenee Velasquez, Cathy Bott, Claudia Wallin, Dr. Connie Moll, Dr. Catherine W. Chen, Lee Ann Rouse, Bonnie McManus, Dr. Nancy L. Barker, Ann T. Fillmore, Angela Hine, Maureen Donker, Judge Dorene Allen, Kimberly Houston, Cathy Devendorf, Rebecca Cox, Bobbie Arnold, Dr. Lydia Watson, Sharon Mortensen, Sarah Opperman and Kay Wagner.