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**YWCA NETN AND SWVA IS NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE
2024 YWCA NORTHEAST TENNESSEE AND SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA TRIBUTE TO WOMEN AWARDS**

For the past 33 years, the YWCA Tribute to Women Program has honored Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia women who positively impact their communities. For our 2024 Tribute to Women season, we invite nominations for women of excellence in the following categories:

- **FINANCE**
- **HEALTHCARE**
- **BUSINESS/INDUSTRY**
- **STEAM/EDUCATION**
- **MISSION IMPACT**

To be eligible, nominees must reside or be employed in the YWCA service area (see map below). An organization or business may only nominate one candidate.

The nomination process is simple:

1. Complete the nomination form and short-answer questions.
2. Submit all nomination materials by 11:59 P.M. on February 15th, 2024.

Online: Visit www.ywcatnva.org/nominations-2024 to submit your application.

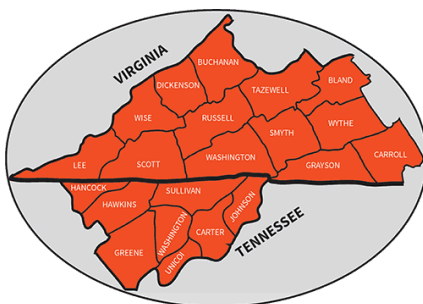
Email: Email your application to tribute@ywcatnva.org.

Fax: Fax your application to 423-968-5937.

Mail: Mail your application to YWCA NETN & SWVA, 106 State Street, Bristol, TN 37620.

3. Celebrate your nominee's accomplishments! All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition. Award recipients will be honored during a gala celebration on April 25th, 2024.

Tribute to Women serves as the YWCA's largest corporate fundraiser. Sponsorship opportunities are available for any company interested in regional marketing and/or in supporting the YWCA programs. For more information, please email tribute@ywcatnva.org.



Tennessee Service Counties: Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Washington, and Unicoi

Virginia Service Counties: Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe

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NOMINATION FORM

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A candidate must possess the following attributes:

- Effective leadership qualities in her field
- Significant growth and achievement in her area of expertise
- Evidence of impact and contributions within her organization, business, or the community
- Employment in or contributions made within the 21-county YWCA service area

NOTE: Candidates may only be nominated in one category. Previous award recipients, along with current members of YWCA staff, board, junior board, board committees, or the Tribute to Women steering committee, may not be nominated.

Name of nominee: _____

(Please write name as nominee would like it printed on all materials.)

Primary phone: _____ **Work phone:** _____

Email address: _____

Home address: _____

Work address: _____

Please select one of the following categories:

- FINANCE** The nominee's advocacy of financial health positively impacts her organization and the communities it serves.
- HEALTHCARE** The nominee's compassion and dedication drive her commitment to individual, family, and community wellness.
- BUSINESS/INDUSTRY** The nominee's innovation fuels the success of her business and industry and economically empowers her community.
- STEAM/EDUCATION** The nominee's excellence in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and/or Mathematics benefits her students, institution, and region.
- MISSION IMPACT** The nominee's dedication to community service and initiatives impacts women, children, and people of color in significant ways.

Nominating organization(s): _____

(If more than one organization or business is nominating, please indicate here.)

Contact person: _____

Contact address: _____

Primary phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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NOMINATION Q&A

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Please answer the following questions. Responses should be no more than 300 words per question. Please use a font no smaller than 12-point.

NOTE: This form provides the only information our out-of-state judges will have about your nominee. Please provide as much detail as possible about your nominee's past and present duties and accomplishments.

- What qualities does your nominee possess that make her an effective leader in her category?
- How has your nominee demonstrated skill development and growth within the category?
- What achievements has your nominee made, personally and/or professionally, that are evidence of her qualifications for a Tribute to Women Award?
- Please share a brief story that illustrates a specific contribution made by your nominee, as well as her overall impact in her business, organization, and/or community.

Nominee's signature (required): _____

I have approved the above nominating information, and my signature indicates that, if chosen, I will attend the gala on April 25, 2024, to receive the Tribute to Women Award.

Nominating organization representative's signature (required): _____
Date: _____

How did you hear about Tribute to Women?

- Advertisement (If so, where?) _____
- Radio
- Internet
- Mailing
- Word of mouth
- Other: _____

NOMINATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15th, 2024 | TRIBUTE TO WOMEN GALA: APRIL 25th, 2024

For more information, call 423-968-9444 or email tribute@ywcantva.org

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HOW TO PRESENT A STRONG NOMINATION PACKET

Plan

- Ask your candidate for permission to nominate her. Spend time with her to gather information for the nomination form, including her full name and contact information. Ask her about her job, activities, honors, and affiliations. If she has one available, ask for a copy of her résumé, as well as a brief personal or professional story that illustrates her contributions.

Organize

- As you draft responses to the application questions, make sure you clearly illustrate your nominee's accomplishments and contributions. Remember: Tribute to Women judges live and work outside the states of Tennessee and Virginia. The only way they can get to know your candidate is through your words.
- While many nominees excel in several areas, be sure to emphasize your nominee's achievements in only one nomination category: FINANCE, HEALTHCARE, BUSINESS/INDUSTRY, STEAM/EDUCATION, or MISSION IMPACT.
- Emphasize your nominee's leadership qualities, personal and/or organizational growth, level of achievement, and the positive impact her efforts have had on others.

Submit

- Submissions are due to YWCA NETN and SWVA by February 15th, 2024. Nominations may be emailed, faxed, submitted online, hand-delivered or sent by mail (we suggest you confirm receipt of any submission sent by mail by phoning the YWCA at 423-968-9444 or emailing tribute@ywcatnva.org prior to the February 15th deadline).
- Forms must be filled out completely and signed by both the nominating organization/business and the nominee. Unsigned forms will not be accepted. If submitting online, please complete the e-signature with approval from the nominee.

TRIBUTE TO WOMEN NOMINATION CHECKLIST

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- Nominee contact information provided (Page 2)
- Nomination category chosen (Page 2)
- Organization's contact information provided (Page 2)
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- Nominee's signature provided (Page 3)
- Organization representative's signature provided (Page 3)