

**2020 Leader Luncheon: Women of Achievement Awards**

YWCA Northwestern Illinois is accepting nominations for outstanding leaders who exemplify the mission of the YWCA, eliminating racism and empowering women. Leader Luncheon XL: Women of Achievement will serve to honor six individuals who strive to make a difference in their community.

**Award Categories**

**Business:** Includes women in the business and non-profit sectors who make a significant contribution in their field.

**Community Leadership:** Includes women who are professionals and volunteers in government, public service, politics, and community action.

**Mentorship:** Given to a **male or female**, whose mentoring relationship(s) has had a major impact on the personal and professional development of women and has fostered excellence. The purpose of the award is to honor an individual who has taught, guided, and inspired women in ways that have changed their lives.

**Professions:** Includes women in the fields of medicine, law, education, science, engineering, architecture or other fields which require professional accreditation in order to perform work in that field.

**Promise:** Given to reaffirm our commitment to young women and their importance to the future of the YWCA and our mission. The nominee must be a young woman between the ages of 18 and 35. The award is given to an individual with sufficient community service and professional success to indicate her potential for extraordinary leadership and service.

**Racial Justice Award:** Includes women who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to promoting racial justice and have worked toward the elimination of racism. The Racial Justice honoree must demonstrate a commitment to racial equality and the advocacy of fundamental rights for all races.

**ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA**

All nominees:

- Must work in the YWCA service areas of Boone, Winnebago, Stephenson, or JoDaviess counties;
- Must be able to attend and personally receive the award at Leader Luncheon on March 2, 2020;
- If needed, will attend a limited number of events with sponsors and volunteers;
- Must serve as an outstanding role model for women and girls;
- Must embody excellence in their field of endeavor;
- Must demonstrate a commitment to the YWCA mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility criteria or the award categories, please contact Kelli Johnson at YWCA Northwestern Illinois: [Kelli.Johnson@ywcانwil.org](mailto:Kelli.Johnson@ywcانwil.org), (815)316-6126.

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**LEADER LUNCHEON AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS:**

1. Fill out completely and return the form at the bottom of this page with your nomination.
2. Enclose **\$65.00** (check or credit card) for nominee's luncheon cost. Please include seating request.
3. Include a **one-page letter of support** from someone other than nominator. **Resumes do not qualify.**
4. **Answer all questions and applicable descriptions listed below.** Additional comments should be reserved for the letter of support, please. Number your responses according to corresponding question numbers. Your total response should be no more than two single-spaced pages.

**Prior nominees are eligible for re-nomination.**

The following are ineligible for nomination: current members of the YWCA Board of Directors, YWCA staff members, and winners within the last five years (Complete list: [www.ywcanwil.org/event/ywca-leader-luncheon](http://www.ywcanwil.org/event/ywca-leader-luncheon)).

**Criteria** (Please limit your nomination to **two pages**, single-spaced.)

**All Nominees:**

1. Provide an overview/highlights of this candidate and their achievements - what makes them stand out for this award (100 word limit. May be used for program bio or award introduction).
2. In what ways does your nominee demonstrate leadership skills?
3. What are the nominee's accomplishments, both within the nomination category and in other areas? (For example: affiliations, awards, publications, meritorious performances; as well as academic, professional, elected, or appointed offices, etc.)
4. How has this nominee influenced the lives of others, particularly women, girls, and families?
5. How does the nominee mirror the mission of the YWCA?

**Only Promise Award Nominees:** In addition to the required information, also describe the nominee's leadership potential, vision for the future, and significant achievements toward that vision.

**Only Racial Justice Award Nominees:** In addition to the required information, also describe the nominee's outstanding achievements and contributions toward racial justice and the elimination of racism. Nominee must demonstrate a commitment to racial equality and the advocacy of fundamental rights for all races.

Name of Nominee <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Title (if appropriate) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Nominee Email Address (please print clearly) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
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Nominee Address, City, State <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Zip <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Business Phone <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Home Phone <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Age – Promise Award Only <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
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**Please check the appropriate category.** *The Selection Committee reserves the right to reclassify nominees to other categories.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Business</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Community Leadership</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professions</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Promise Award</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Racial Justice</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mentorship</b>  |

Submitted By (Company, Organization, or Individual) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Contact Person <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Phone <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
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Address, City, State <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Zip <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Email Address <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Date <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
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☐ **Yes, I/we want to honor this nominee with a program ad. (Ad sizing/costs on following page)**

Nominations must be received by mail, email or in person by **5:00 p.m., January 17, 2020 (No exceptions)**; at the following address **YWCA - Leader Luncheon Nominations, 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL 61108**; or [kelli.johnson@ywcanwil.org](mailto:kelli.johnson@ywcanwil.org).

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**LEADER LUNCHEON AWARD NOMINATION  
CHARGE FORM**

**NOMINATION FEE:** \$65 via check or credit card to cover the cost of luncheon attendance for your nominee. Please complete the following:

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state & zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat my nominee with: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Vegetarian Meal

**Support your nominee with a program ad.**

✓	AD SIZE	WIDTH	x	HEIGHT					AD COST
	Full Page	7"	x	9-1/4"					\$500
	1/2-Page	7"	x	4-3/8"	Or	3-3/8"	x	9-1/4"	\$300
	1/4-Page	3-3/8"	x	4-1/2"	Or	7"	x	2-1/8"	\$200
	Business Card	3-1/2"	x	2"					\$100

Nominee luncheon cost: \$65

Ad \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of payment:** ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Credit card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Ad Artwork:**

- PDFs – black and white only, hi-res via email to the address below - **preferred**
- Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Publisher, Word or InDesign: Please include a PDF with these files. Include all fonts and graphic support (if applicable).
- Email files: [kelli.johnson@ywcanwil.org](mailto:kelli.johnson@ywcanwil.org)
- Ad copy due no later than January 20, 2020.