



2010 AWARDS

29th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Celebrating women in southern Saskatchewan who are making a difference

MISSION STATEMENT

The YWCA Regina exists to support the diverse needs of women in the realization of their full potential.

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE

Monday, February 1, 2010
4:30 p.m.

All those submitting nominations by Monday, February 1, 2010, will be eligible for our Early Bird Prize Draw—two free Gala tickets, a value of \$180.00.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

March 12, 2010
4:30 p.m.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Submit Nominations to:

Linda Sangster
1940 McIntyre Street
Regina, SK S4P 2R3
306.525.2141 ext. 110

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION NOMINEES' RECEPTION

Sunday, March 28, 2010
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Conexus Arts Centre

Each Nominee will receive two complimentary tickets to the event, and each Nominator will receive one complimentary ticket. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 by phoning the YWCA at 525-2141

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS GALA

Thursday, May 6, 2010
5:30 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Conexus Arts Centre

Each Nominee will receive one complimentary ticket to the event. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$90.00 or \$720.00 for a table of 8. Tax receipts are issued for donation portion of tickets purchased.

Tickets & Information:

YWCA Regina
306.525.2141
www.ywcaregina.com
email: wod@ywca.regina.sk.ca

GUIDELINES & NOMINATION PACKAGE

Do you know an outstanding woman who deserves recognition for the life she's lived and the things she's done? If you do, please complete this nomination package and send it to us no later than March 12, 2010. If you need additional nomination forms, contact the YWCA Regina at 525-2141 or download the package from our website at www.ywcaregina.com. If you're not sure you've chosen the right category, don't worry: The nominations committee will consult with a nominator to reclassify a nominee in a more appropriate category if they feel it's indicated.

(If you're nominating a group of 2 or more women, they will automatically go into our "Circle of Friends" category.)

Who is a Woman of Distinction?

The YWCA Regina believes in choices and options for women, so we identify a Woman of Distinction as one who has made a commitment and a significant difference in her community and/or the larger world, and whose achievements demonstrate vision, creativity and initiative.

A Woman of Distinction may have:

- achieved outstanding success in her chosen field;
- broken new ground, overcome barriers or been an agent for change;
- participated actively as a volunteer;
- made significant contributions to the community;
- performed as a leader;
- served as a positive role model;
- provided significant mentorship to girls and/or women.

Who can be nominated?

An eligible Nominee must:

- live in southern Saskatchewan;
- be 18 years of age or older at the date of nomination. (Nominees in the Young Woman of Promise category must be 19 or under at the date of nomination.);
- give consent in writing to her nomination, the accuracy of the information contained therein, and the publication of her name and photo in connection with the Regina YWCA 2010 Women of Distinction Awards.

** We ask that all Nominees make every effort to attend the Nominees' Reception on Sunday, March 28, 2010, and the Awards Gala on Thursday, May 6, 2010, both at the Conexus Arts Centre.*

Who may nominate someone as a Woman of Distinction?

Anyone may. Any individual or group may nominate an eligible woman (or group of 2 or more women, in the "Circle of Friends" category) in any one of the twelve categories.

How do I nominate someone?

You'll find complete information in our nomination package. (We've tried to make it as simple as possible so making a nomination will be easier than ever!) Nomination packages are available from the Regina YWCA (phone 525-2141) or download from our website www.ywcaregina.com.

Review the categories to see which one you feel is most appropriate for your Nominee. (The Nominations Committee may consult with a Nominator to reclassify a Nominee in a more appropriate category.) Follow the instructions to be sure that all necessary information is included in your nomination package. If you have questions, or need help in completing the package, call Linda Sangster at the YWCA Regina, 525-2141, extension 110. When your nomination is complete, deliver or mail it to the Women of Distinction Awards at the YWCA Regina by the February 1 Early Bird deadline or the March 12 final deadline.

How are the Women of Distinction Award recipients selected?

The Selections Committee is composed of women who are qualified representatives of the categories which they are adjudicating. The Committee evaluates the significant accomplishments of each nominee as provided in the nomination package. Nominees' references may be contacted, and information provided in the package may be clarified or confirmed. (See the "Adjudication & Selection Process" section on page 5 in the Nomination Package for more details).

Why would I nominate someone as a Woman of Distinction?

We all know women who deserve to be recognized for their achievements and accomplishments—women who have touched our lives and made our world a better place. As one previous Woman of Distinction Award recipient put it, "Often women work away for the good of their businesses, their families, their communities and their country, with little praise or acknowledgement....The YWCA, through this program, has created an opportunity for acknowledgement to be a desirable and worthwhile outcome."

NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

- The Nominee must be a woman (or group of two or more women, who must be placed in the "Teamwork" category) living in southern Saskatchewan at the time of nomination. "Southern Saskatchewan" is considered to be roughly south of a line running east and west through Davidson. If you're unsure of your Nominee's residential qualification, please contact the co-ordinator at 525-2141.
- Posthumous nominations can not be accepted.
- Award categories may be changed, added or eliminated at the discretion of the Committee and the YWCA.
- From time to time, at the discretion of the YWCA and the

Women of Distinction Awards Committee, special awards may be presented to honour women who are alive or deceased.

- A woman may be nominated in only one category each year. Past Award recipients may be re-nominated in other years for a category in which they did not receive an award. Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years in the same or different category.
- To avoid conflict of interest, neither the Nominee nor the Nominator may be a member of the Women of Distinction Committee, the Women of Distinction Nomination or Selections Committee, Regina YWCA Board of Directors or Regina YWCA staff.

2010 AWARDS CATEGORIES

The Arts

The recipient of The Jacqui Shumiatcher Arts Award has achieved excellence in, or made significant contributions to, the performance, development, preservation or patronage of, the visual, literary, performing, or creative arts. She may express herself artistically, encourage others to find their own creative expression, and/or promote the value of the arts as integral to the life of the community.

Community Leadership & Enhancement

This recipient is an outstanding volunteer who mentors and inspires others through involvement in philanthropic or voluntary community programs or organizations. She has shown her dedication by creating, participating in or adapting programs to meet community needs and is recognized as a source of strength and heart in her community.

Contribution to a Rural Community

This recipient is a woman living and working in southern Saskatchewan who makes significant contributions for the betterment of rural life. She has shown her dedication by creating solutions, participating in enriching lives or adapting programs to meet community needs.

Cultural Heritage

This recipient is a woman who is making significant contributions to the preservation, awareness, research and development of the cultural heritage of a community or other group. She is committed to ensuring that the culture inherited from past generations is maintained in the present and bestowed for the benefit of future generations.

Education and Mentorship

This recipient is a mentor and/or educator in many avenues of life and inspires a passion for life-long learning in those around her through the education system, employee training and development, community education or alternative programs. She may be developing innovative programs to meet the special needs of learners, and/or building a strong rapport with students, parents, colleagues, and the community at large to foster learning in a broader sense.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

This recipient has a solid vision of the future, and possesses creativity and ingenuity that separates her from her peers. She has taken an innovative approach to solving a problem, filling a need or breaking into a new market. She has made sacrifices or risked a great deal to successfully manage, launch or revive a business, product or service.

Science, Technology & Environment

This recipient has achieved excellence and made significant contributions to a science related field, including pure and applied sciences, social sciences, engineering and life sciences, medicine, technology, agriculture or the environment. She is dedicated to the advancement of technological, scientific or industrial discovery through either research or application, or to the preservation or improvement of the environment.

Leadership & Management

This recipient is acknowledged in her field for her professional leadership, and the contributions she makes in her area of expertise provide significant and lasting benefit to her community. She is committed to excellence, creates and inspires a positive work environment, and influences and motivates positive change in her profession, trade or workplace.

Lifetime Achievement

Over the course of her lifetime, this recipient has made a significant and lasting impact in one or more of the above categories. She has dedicated her life to being a leader and role model, and her influence has made an enduring and profound difference in her community and in the lives of those around her.

Circle of Friends

These recipients are a formal or informal group or organization of two or more women whose collaboration has resulted in outstanding achievements and/or valuable contributions to the advancement and/or well-being of their community or communities. Collectively, they have a shared vision and have worked together to make their dreams a reality.

Wellness, Recreation & Healthy Living

This recipient enriches her community by fostering better living standards, providing leadership in physical or mental health services, fitness, sports or recreation. She promotes healthier lifestyles through participation and/or leadership in fitness, well-being, sports, recreation, active hobbies or healthy living.

Young Woman of Promise

This recipient is an exceptional young woman who is 19 or under, who has demonstrated scholastic achievement, outstanding leadership in her school, community and/or workplace and has inspired her peers to follow her example. She has shown maturity, perseverance, innovation and compassion. She has already made her mark and will continue to inspire us for years to come.



The YWCA Regina Women of Distinction Awards Program honors the exceptional contributions of women who positively impact their community, as well as raising valuable funds to enable the YWCA to continue to offer crisis support services and assistance to those in our community who need it most.

ADJUDICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

- Nominations are reviewed when they are received to confirm their eligibility.
- Only complete nominations which meet the eligibility criteria and are submitted by the deadline date will be considered by the Selections Committee.
- Eligible nominations are evaluated by the Selections Committee, composed of women who are representative of the categories they are adjudicating. The YWCA strives to create a committee with fair and diverse representation that reflects a balance of interests, influences and expertise.
- Nominations will be adjudicated only on the information provided in the Nomination Package, which may be supported or clarified in discussion with the Nominee, Nominator and/or those providing references.
- The Selections Committee will base its decisions on how well each Nominee reflects the spirit of each category for which they are nominated.
- All nominations and deliberations of the Selections Committee will be treated confidentially.
- The decisions of the Selections Committee are final.

NOMINATION FORM & GUIDELINES

1. Complete all sections of this Nomination Package. Please be sure that both the Nominee and the Nominator (or a representative of a Nominator Group) sign the Form in the insert and date it. Use paper clips to keep pages together.

Keep a copy of the completed package for your own files.

2. Return the completed Nomination Package to:

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Nomination Packages must be received in the YWCA Regina office at 1940 McIntyre St., Regina, S4P 2R3, by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2010. Late applications will not be considered for the 2010 Awards.

* To facilitate the handling of all nominations, please do not FAX or E-mail this document.

3. Nominators and Nominees will be notified in writing that their application has been received and will be considered by the Selections Committee. (The Selections Committee may consult with a Nominator to reclassify a Nominee in a more appropriate category.) **Nominations will be adjudicated only on the information provided in the Nomination Package**, so it is important that all the application requirements be met by the deadline date.
4. If you need assistance in completing this Nomination Package, or have any questions, please contact the Women of Distinction Awards co-ordinator at 525-2141.



FINAL CHECKLIST

Have you included:

- Signed and completed Nomination Package
- Answers to the 4 questions.
- Short biography
- One to three letters of reference and contact information

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on March 12, 2010, by

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