

**YWCA CAMBRIDGE
WOMEN OF DISTINCTION
AWARDS**

Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Cambridge City Hall

**NOMINATION
SUBMISSIONS:**

YWCA Cambridge,
Attn: WOD Selection Committee
1733 Industrial Road,
Cambridge, Ontario N3H 5G7

**NOMINATION
DEADLINE:**

Friday March 26, 2010

*For a nomination form or
additional information contact:*

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The Nominator's Checklist

Yes, my complete nomination package includes:

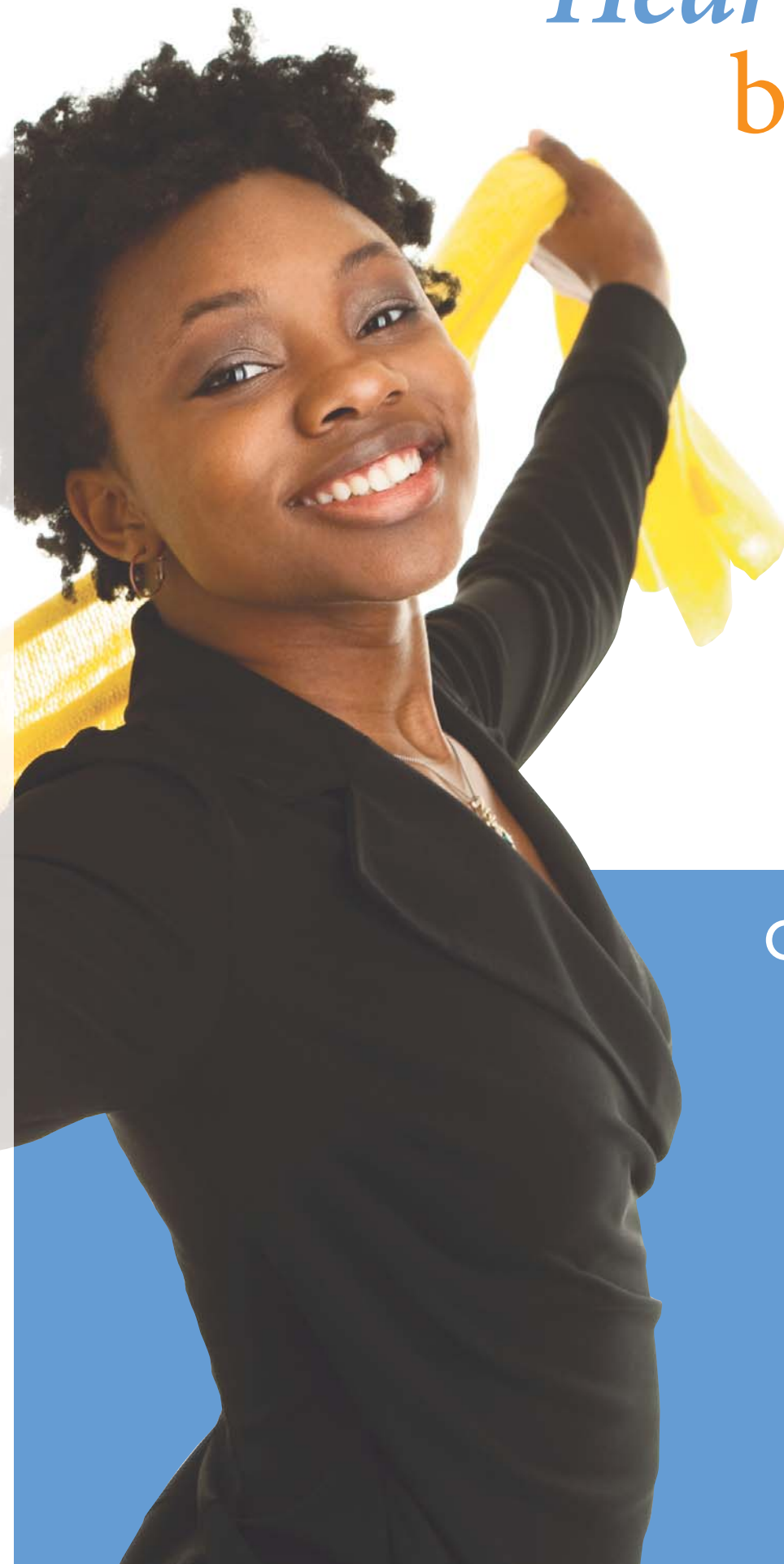
- Completed nomination form
- Statement of nomination
- Bio or resume of the nominee
- Maximum of three letters of support
- Nomination form signer by nominator and nominee

Category (check one only)

- Advancement of Women
- Voluntary, Community and Humanitarian Service
- Arts and Culture
- Business, Trades, Professions and Entrepreneurs
- Health, Wellness and Active-Living
- Science, Technology, Research and Environment
- Communication and Public Relations
- Education, Training, Professional Development
- Young Woman of Distinction
- Lifetime Achievement
- Turning Point Award

Hear her story - be inspired!

For the 17th year, the YWCA will honour ten women leaders and one exceptional young woman for their outstanding contribution to improving the lives of women and girls in our community.



The Nomination Form (please print)

NOMINEE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE (WK) _____ (HM) _____

EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH (for Young Woman of Distinction only) / /
DD MM YY

NOMINATOR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE (WK) _____ (HM) _____

EMAIL _____

NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

I consent to my nomination for the Women of Distinction Awards and to the information contained in this nomination package being used in connection with this event. I have lived and/or worked in the City of Cambridge or the Township of North Dumfries for the past year or more.

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE _____



Deliver completed nomination package by 4:30 pm, Friday March 26, 2010.

Women of Distinction Committee
YWCA Cambridge, 1733 Industrial Road
Cambridge, Ontario N3H 5G7
Tel: 519.650.0800

Call for nominations

An awards fundraiser for YWCA Cambridge to celebrate and recognize women who make a difference.



WHO IS A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION?

- She consistently displays and exercises leadership
- She demonstrates vision, innovation or creativity and the courage to take risks
- She enriches and improves the quality of life for others
- She has an impact in her chosen field of endeavour
- She demonstrates initiative and a pioneering spirit
- She displays and sustains a continued commitment to her community
- She promotes and supports the expansion of opportunities and choices for women and girls in her community
- She has made Cambridge a better place to live



NOMINATE A WOMAN IN ONE OF THESE CATEGORIES

Advancement of Women

Recognition of leadership by women who use the influence to contribute to the development and well-being of other women and to improve the community.

Voluntary, Community & Humanitarian Service

Honours volunteers who, by providing leadership and inspiration to others, have enhanced the quality of life in their community.

Arts & Culture

Contribution to the development, preservation or support of the visual, literary, performing arts and/or cultural heritage.

Business, Trades, Professions & Entrepreneurs

Contribution to and/or leadership in management, administration, a profession or trade, in private or non-profit companies or organizations.

Health, Wellness & Active Living

Contribution to the development and growth of the person and the improvement of physical, emotional and/or spiritual wellness.

Science, Technology, Research & Environment

Contribution to a science related field, including pure and applied sciences, social sciences, engineering and life sciences or toward technological advancement. Contribution may be made through research or application.

Communication & Public Relations

Contributions to the communication of ideas through advertising, public relations, the media and/or communications technology.

Education, Training, Professional Development

Contribution through practice, research or administration in the education system, employee training and development or an alternative learning environment.

Young Woman of Distinction

A young woman who has contributed to her school, community and/or workplace as a role model or outstanding achiever.

Lifetime Achievement

Honours a woman, who for over 35 years, has been a role model, mentor and/or advocate for positive social change.

Turning Point Award

Honours a woman, who has lived through hardship & adversity and through sharing the power of her own turning point in life, makes a difference in the lives of others.

YWCA CAMBRIDGE MISSION STATEMENT

The Cambridge YWCA, a member of a world-wide network, is a non-profit organization working with and for women and their families. Through proactive leadership, we offer high quality programs and services, advocate for social and economic change and work towards the empowerment and self-determination of all women.

NOMINATION PACKAGE

1. Complete the nomination form.
2. Please respond to each of the questions below. Please feel free to use point form and provide specific examples. Do not exceed one 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper (min. 12 point font) per question. Information is provided in italics to help you to answer the questions.

What are your nominee's unique and outstanding achievements?

- *Outstanding performance in her field; outstanding performance in academic courses/subjects; vision and leadership*
- *Breaking new ground/old barriers*
- *Making a distinct and describable difference*

How has your nominee contributed to the well-being of our community?

- *Contributions which enhance the lives of others in her community in any way*
- *Being an agent for change either within her particular community or the world at large*
- *Volunteer work and/or employment*

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The nominator completes the nomination form and assembles all of the materials required as part of the nomination package. The package must be received at the YWCA Cambridge, 1733 Industrial Rd., Cambridge, Ontario N3H 5G7 by 4:30 p.m., **Friday March 26, 2010**. No exceptions will be made.
2. All nominations will be reviewed by a member of the Women of Distinction Committee for completeness.
3. The Selection Committee will choose the award recipient in each category based on the submitted nomination information only. Be thorough and factual.
4. In some cases the Selection Committee may judge that,

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

1. One complete copy of the nomination package is required, and must be submitted by the deadline to be eligible.
2. Women can be nominated in only one category.
3. Nomination packages must be for individuals only. Group nominations (including duo and/or partnerships) are not eligible.
4. A woman can be re-nominated in any future year but may only receive a Woman of Distinction award once. Should the nominator wish to use a past nomination a request may be made to the YWCA to do so.
5. All nomination packages will be treated in confidence.
6. Generally, a single recipient is awarded in each category and the Selection Committee reserves the right to withhold an award in any category.
7. Nominees must live and/or work in Cambridge and North Dumfries but may have made their contributions to women and girls within or beyond these borders.

How does your nominee demonstrate her commitment to and advocacy for improving the lives of women and girls?

- *In what ways is she a role model*
- *Demonstrated vision and pioneering spirit in the advancement of women and the quality of women's lives*
- *Educate, support and encourage female successors, colleagues and peers.*

Young Women of Distinction nominees should answer: How has your nominee contributed to the well-being of the school?

- *Extra curricular activities (ie. Drama, sports, music, student council)*
- *Showing interest in other students by doing peer counseling or tutoring*
- *Being an agent for change in creating a safe, positive school environment.*

3. Please attach a resume or equivalent (max. 3 pages) which outlines your nominee's background, career and present work or activity including organizational involvement, volunteer activities, education, awards, recognitions and other achievements.
4. Please provide up to three letters of support.

based on the nomination package submitted, a nominee is better suited to a different category. The Selection Committee reserves the right to change the category in which the nominee is considered.

5. Award recipients will be notified by **April 23, 2010** and will be formally recognized at the Women of Distinction awards event on Wednesday May 19, 2010.

