

2022 YWCA CAMBRIDGE WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS: THE COURAGE OF COVID

NOMINATION FORM

In 2022, YWCA Cambridge's annual Women of Distinction awards will shine a light on the women in our community who have rolled up their sleeves in response to the pandemic. This special edition event will honour women who have shown courage in the face of COVID-19 through reimagined award categories highlighting frontline workers, innovators, advocates, change-makers, young trailblazers, and everyday heroes. We know that Covid-19 has affected women disproportionately; more and more women have faced increased economic challenges, rising domestic violence and unbalanced child-care responsibilities, among other challenges.

Who Is A Woman Of Distinction?

Women of Distinction are leaders in their fields and communities. They are paving the way for the trailblazers of tomorrow and having a positive impact on our community. They work to inspire, lead and create change and we can't help but stand up and take notice. Throughout the pandemic, a Woman of Distinction may have:

- Been a role model and inspired others through their work in the field of healthcare, child care or education;
- Participated actively as a volunteer to help people in need;
- Contributed in the field of medical research to further innovation;
- Developed a pandemic response that supported the physical, emotional and mental needs of others;
- Shown an innovative approach to the unique challenges facing marginalized and at-risk members of our community;
- Demonstrated courage, tenacity and grit to overcome obstacles brought on as a result of the pandemic (either in their professional or personal life).

Who Is Eligible?

To be eligible to receive a YWCA Cambridge Woman of Distinction Award, nominees must:

- Support the mission and values of YWCA Cambridge;
- Consent to be nominated;
- Live and/or work in Cambridge and/or North Dumfries but may have made their contributions within or beyond these borders; Meet the selection criteria including an alignment to the mission, vision & values of YWCA Cambridge;
- Not be a previous award winner unless nominated as a group or collective;

- Not be a current member of the YWCA Cambridge Board of Directors, employee of YWCA Cambridge, or member of the Women of Distinction Nomination Committee.

Note: Only one winner may be selected in each category but the Selection Committee reserves the right to withhold an award in any given category. One complete copy of the nomination package is required, and must be submitted by the deadline (April 1, 2022) in order to be eligible. Nominees can be nominated in only one category. Posthumous applications cannot be accepted.

As nominator, I have read and understand the Nomination Requirements YES / NO
To the best of my knowledge, the person I am nominating supports the mission & values of YWCA Cambridge YES / NO

Selection Process

1. Completed packages must be received by email or through our online submission form at www.ywcacambridge.ca/women-of-distinction/ by March 1, 2022. No exceptions will be made.
2. All nominations will be reviewed by the Women of Distinction Selection Committee, who will choose the award recipient in each category based on the submitted information only. Be thorough and factual.
3. All nomination packages will be treated in confidence.
4. The Committee reserves the right to change the chosen category if they judge, based on the materials provided, a nominee is better suited for another category.

As nominator, I have read and understand the Selection Process YES / NO

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Your email: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Nominee Information:

Does your nominee agree to be nominated? Yes/No

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Work/Alternate Phone: _____

Nominee Social Media Profiles:

If nominating a group, please add the contact details of the other group members below.

CATEGORY SELECTION (Check one only):

- Education/Child Care Hero
- Health Care Hero
- Pandemic Innovation
- Humanitarian/Volunteerism Work
- Social Action & Advocacy
- Community Champion
- The Courage of Covid Award – someone who has overcome obstacles and inspired others with their tenacity & grit throughout the pandemic

NOMINATION DETAILS (Please complete all questions. Bullet points are fine where appropriate):

1. List **two or more** examples of your nominee's unique outstanding achievements, specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the nominee, their network and/or the community. Be specific and concise and use bullet form (500 words maximum)

2. List **three or more** examples of how your nominee has demonstrated vision, leadership and perseverance throughout the pandemic. Be specific and concise and use bullet form (500 words maximum)

3. List **three or more** examples of how your nominee has committed to improving the lives of Be specific and concise and use bullet form (500 words maximum).

4. From your heart, why do you think your nominee should receive this award? From a personal perspective, why are you nominating this person? (500 words maximum)

5. Provide a paragraph that serves as a summary of your nominee and highlights their achievements and activities in relation to the selected award category. This summary will also be used in the event program. (500 words maximum)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

In order for this nomination to be considered complete, you must include **UP TO THREE** letters of reference or testimonials from your nominee's network that highlight the nominee's achievements/work AND a resume or bio of the nominee. These references could be co-workers, friends, family members, students, etc.). Testimonials can be submitted either as letters or video recordings (videos can be recorded simply on a cell phone). The testimonials should refer to your nominee by name, to their accomplishments and to YWCA Cambridge's Women of Distinction Awards. Please note that by submitting video testimonials, you and the subject of the video are consenting to them being used for marketing and promotional purposes.

*I understand these terms YES / NO

* Nominee and Nominator's Information YES / NO

* All questions in Official Nomination section complete YES / NO

* Maximum of three letters of support attached to this form YES / NO

* Bio or resume submitted attached to this form YES / NO