

2019 Women of Distinction Awards

Her Night to Shine

Woman & Young Woman

Nomination Form

YWCA Rock County invites you to participate in our Annual Women of Distinction Awards by nominating a woman, young woman (21 and under) who has made a significant impact in our community and achieved personal success.

Since 1975, the YWCA Rock County Women of Distinction Awards has honored more than 250 individuals and organizations who have improved women's lives through community service, professional achievement, integrity, leadership, and dedication to the well-being of others.

Last year, we celebrated our 43rd Annual Women of Distinction Awards with over 350 in attendance! We honored Young Woman of Distinction: Anne Runde; Women of Distinction: Kristin Fillhouer, Kendra Schiffman, Cecilia Ramirez, Judy McRoberts, Sue McGinniss; Corporate Award of Merit: Jax Custom Printing.

Who will be honored in 2019?

Nominations must be received no later than 4pm on Monday, January 28, 2019

On Thursday evening, April 11, 2019, we will award honors for; **Woman of Distinction, Young Woman of Distinction and Corporate Award of Merit.**

Nomination Guidelines

As you decide who to nominate, you should be able to check the following:

- I am not submitting a nomination of someone who has already received the award.
- I am not a current Women of Distinction Selection Committee member.
- The person I want to nominate is not a Women of Distinction Selection Committee member.
- The person I want to nominate lives, works or volunteers in Rock County.
- The person I want to nominate has the following characteristics:
 - **is a role model for other women and has inspired other women and girls to achieve success**
 - **has demonstrated excellence, accomplishment and creativity in their profession, community or lives**
 - **is dedicated to social justice, racial equality, and diversity throughout our community**
 - **has exhibited qualities of leadership, teamwork, integrity, and dedication**
 - **is committed to improving the quality of life in our community**

Mail to:

**YWCA Women of Distinction
1735 S. Washington St.
Janesville, WI 53546**

Email to:

**Cori Olin
colson@ywcarockco.com**

Awards Night

Recipients receive their awards THURSDAY evening, APRIL 11TH at our gala *Her Night to Shine* event at the Pontiac Convention Center, Janesville.

Selection Process

YWCA Women of Distinction are selected by an independent panel of community members, past recipients, and YWCA board members.

How to Nominate a Woman or Young Woman of Distinction in Three Easy Steps

{STEP ONE} Complete the information below. Please print or type.

{THE NOMINEE}

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Employer: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

{ABOUT YOU, THE NOMINATOR}

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

{STEP TWO} Please answer each of the following questions with 250 words or less. There are guide questions on a few of them, but you do not need to answer all of them. The selection committee may contact the finalists for further information before making its final decisions. Individuals may be nominated more than once, but please keep in mind the nominee's achievements have greater weight than the number of recommendations.

1. What is your relationship to the nominee?

2. Summarize your nominee's accomplishments for use as an introduction to the nominee in publicity materials.

3. Role Model: Describe how this person has served as a role model for others in her community or her profession. The following questions can serve as a guide to help you provide a response.

- a. How has the nominee influenced the lives of others?
- b. How does she mentor and to what level?
- c. How has she helped women and girls achieve their goals?
- d. Is she a role model in her profession or in a volunteer capacity?
- e. Has the nominee broken down any barriers for future generations or worked to close the leadership gap? If so, how?

4. Community Involvement: How has the nominee given back to the community through her time, talent, and/or resources? How has the nominee shown initiative or taken on a leadership role as a volunteer?

5. Achievements: How has the nominee demonstrated sustained excellence, accomplishment, and creativity in her profession? Has the nominee received any notable commendations or awards? Please give specifics about how the nominee has garnered respect within Rock County or her professional field.

6. Eliminating Racism & Empowering Women: How has the nominee shown that she actively supports the YWCA mission of eliminating racism and empowering women? The following questions can serve as a guide to help you provide a response.

- a. How has she proactively strengthened policies, practices, attitudes and/or actions that are creating equity for everyone?
- b. How is she involved in women's issues, specifically those that improve women's economic status or help close the leadership gap?
- c. How has she worked to eliminate racism and make the Rock County community more inclusive and equitable?

7. State any other reasons why this nominee should be recognized as a Woman of Distinction. (OPTIONAL)

{STEP THREE} Submit this **Nomination Form** and any other supporting materials or letters to the **YWCA Rock County by 4PM, Monday, January 28, 2019**

- via email to colson@ywcrockco.com
- fax 608-755-4743
- or drop off one printed copy at **YWCA Rock County
1735 South Washington Street
Janesville, WI 53546**



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Our Mission

YWCA Rock County is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

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