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## Call for Statewide Nominations

### YWCA Alaska Women of Achievement 2020 Awards

Greetings fellow Alaskan!

As we open nominations for the 2021 YWCA Women of Achievement Awards, I want to reflect on the challenges and gifts of the past year. Although we have experienced many losses throughout the pandemic, we continue to lead with joy and integrity. I am so grateful to the many women who have stood for those in need, lead with courage and helped our community thrive with laughter and perseverance.

The Women of Achievement Award is a competitive award that recognizes and celebrates women leaders in Alaska. The 2021 YWCA Alaska Women of Achievement Awards will recognize and honor ten (10) women who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and excellence in their professional and personal endeavors, while embodying YWCA Alaska's mission of *eliminating racism and empowering women*. We need your help identifying these women!

Please take this wonderful opportunity to recognize and celebrate accomplished women in our community. I encourage you to think broadly about your networks and community and truly see those who are leading. Often women leaders operate behind the scenes or use unusual platforms to drive high impact positive change. We know that women are doing great things across Alaska - please help us recognize and celebrate a woman you know, by nominating her for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual YWCA Alaska Women of Achievement Awards!

Please see the nomination form below for criteria on which nominees will be evaluated and the nominating instructions. **All nominations must be received at YWCA Alaska's office by 5 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2021.**

This year, the YWCA Alaska Women of Achievement Awards Ceremony will be hosted virtually, in an online platform. We want to support the wellness of our community by practicing social distancing, while still celebrating the women who empower us all and make our community a better place. We will host a **Virtual Week of Women of Achievement. The ceremony will take place Monday, November 1 through Friday, November 5, 2021.** Additional details for the event will be available in the weeks to come. However, if you or your organization are interested in sponsoring this event - please contact Cindy Vegetabile at [cvegetabile@ywcaak.org](mailto:cvegetabile@ywcaak.org) or call 907-644-9600 ext. 1002.

Thank you in advance for helping us pay tribute to the incredible women in our community who are making a difference and inspiring others!

If you have any questions, or for more information about YWCA Alaska, please visit [www.ywcaak.org](http://www.ywcaak.org).

Kind regards,



Stephanie Holthaus  
President, YWCA Alaska Board of Directors

## **YWCA Alaska Women of Achievement Statewide Nomination Form DUE by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2021.**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual YWCA Women of Achievement Awards will be presented online in a virtual space. YWCA Alaska is inviting community members throughout the state of Alaska to nominate women whose professional and volunteer work supports, embodies, and complements YWCA Alaska's mission of ***eliminating racism and empowering women***. Ten women will be selected to receive the award. Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- How her activities and accomplishments tie into YWCA Alaska's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.
- Her involvement and commitment to her community and Alaska as a whole
- Her personal impact on others and Alaska's community at large
- Her leadership, mentorship, and efforts to help advance others.
- Her accomplishments within her profession, industry, field and/or area of interest.

There are several award programs that recognize women in business and our community that have earned professional achievements or have made valuable contributions to our community. While this award also honors women that meet these criteria, the most important criterion for this award is that the awardee embodies YWCA Alaska's mission.

### **How to nominate a candidate:**

1. Fill out this form completely. Please be detailed. Examples must be provided.
2. Nomination form and all additional documents must not exceed 12 pages. Any information beyond 12 pages will not be considered.
3. All documents should be in Word or PDF. Attachments such as letters of support, news articles describing the nominee's work, or examples of recognition the nominee has received can be

provided in hard copy or as JPEG files.

4. Email is the preferred method of delivery for these documents. Please send all nominations and supporting documents to [ywcaoffice@ywcaak.org](mailto:ywcaoffice@ywcaak.org). If you cannot email your nomination, you may mail or deliver this form and supporting documents to YWCA Alaska at 3400 Spenard Road Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. All nominations and supporting documents must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2021.

*\*Unfortunately, we are unable to accept applications for individuals seeking political office or those currently in office.*

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember, please be detailed. Specific examples must be provided as they are more helpful and persuasive than general conclusory statements or descriptions. If the Nominee overcame any obstacles or achieved any specific awards or recognition, be sure to describe them.*

1. **Please provide a short biographical narrative of the Nominee** (where she grew up, what her connection to Alaska is, what her educational and professional background is, etc.). In other words, if the Nominee is selected, how should she be introduced at the awards ceremony?

**2. Please describe why you believe the Nominee supports and embodies YWCA Alaska's mission to eliminate racism and empower women.** Please note that this factor is given significant consideration and must be answered with examples provided.

**3. Please describe the Nominee's involvement in, commitment to, and the impact she has had on her community and Alaska at large.** How has the community benefited from her work, role, insight, passion, etc.? You may refer to information provided in response to questions above but if you do, be specific in your reference.

**4. Please describe the Nominee's leadership, mentorship, and efforts to help advance others.** Explain how the Nominee has exhibited and demonstrated qualities which have encouraged others to view her as a role model and how she has helped others reach their goals or obtain educational and/or professional opportunities. You may refer to information provided in response to questions above but if you do, be specific in your reference.

**5. Please describe the Nominee's accomplishments within her profession, industry, and/or area of interest. You may refer to information provided in response to questions above but if you do, be specific in your reference.**

**6. Anything else the Nomination Committee should know about the Nominee?**

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**Primary Nominator**

**Name of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominator's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Nominators**

**Name of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominator's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Phone:**

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**Nominator's Email:**

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**Signature:**

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