
2026 YWCA Leader of Distinction Nomination

Every year at its Leader Lunch event, YWCA Metro St. Louis presents awards to local women who exemplify excellence in their chosen professions and show significant dedication as a volunteer and/or commitment to the success of other women. Candidates for the award are chosen among women who are actively employed in the workplace; the exception is the “Philanthropy/Volunteerism” category which requires women who are actively engaged in volunteer activities. Nine Leaders of Distinction are chosen each year by the YWCA Honoree Selection Committee, a group comprised of previous honorees, the Academy of Leaders. **Leader Lunch 46 will be held Thursday, December 3, 2026.**

LEADER OF DISTINCTION AWARD

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees:

- Must be currently employed, or an active volunteer in the community
- Must be a resident of the St. Louis Metropolitan area
- Must be able to attend the Leader Lunch ceremony in December
- Should not have previously received the award; however, nominations may be resubmitted from prior years

CRITERIA

Demonstrates:

- Excellence in her field of endeavor in the workplace or as a volunteer
- An outstanding role model for other women
- Significant contributions to the community, both inside and outside the workplace

CATEGORIES FOR NOMINATION

Business/Corporate

Entrepreneurship

Non-Profit

Racial Justice

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 15, 2026 at noon

Submit Nomination Cover Page and Form:

By Mail:

YWCA LL Nominations
Attn: Development
1155 Olivette Executive Parkway
St. Louis, MO 63132

Online:

Visit
www.ywcastl.org/events/leader-lunch
Upload this PDF to the online form
submission.

By Email:

leaderlunch@ywcastlmo.org
Include the nominee name
in the subject line.

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AWARD NOMINATION FORM**



Select one category for consideration:

Business/Corporate

Entrepreneurship

Other

Non-Profit

Racial Justice

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee:

First

Middle

Last

Place of Work/Volunteer:

Job Title:

Business Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Work Phone:

Email:

Assistant Name:

Phone:

Email:

Home Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Mobile Phone:

Personal Email:

NOMINATION DEADLINE: May 15, 2026 (Noon)

INFORMATION ABOUT PERSON SUBMITTING THIS NOMINATION

Name of Nominator:

Place of Work:

Job Title:

Preferred Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Work Phone:

Mobile:

Relationship to Nominee:

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Summary

Explain briefly why this woman should receive this award.

Education

Where did your nominee attend school? What is/are her degree(s)?
If she didn't go to college, where did she get her training? .

Career Steps

What experience does she have in her field? How has she demonstrated excellence and leadership in her field?
Trace how her career has evolved.

Role Model

Explain how she has helped other women. What has she done to mentor others?
How has she demonstrated that she is a role model?

Community Contributions / Philanthropy

What contributions has she made to her community? What has she done both inside and outside of the workplace?
What type of volunteer work has she done for charitable organizations?

Honors, Awards, Recognitions

List all honors and awards the nominee has received in recognition of her contributions to her field of endeavor and/or community service.