

## 2026 YWCA Leader of Distinction Nomination

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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 Friday, December 11, 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

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### CATEGORIES FOR NOMINATION

Business/Corporate

Entrepreneurship

Non-Profit

Racial Justice

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**NOMINATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 15, 2026 at noon**

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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](http://www.ywcastl.org/events/leader-lunch)  
Upload this PDF to the online form  
submission.

#### By Email:

[leaderlunch@ywcastlmo.org](mailto:leaderlunch@ywcastlmo.org)  
Include the nominee name  
in the subject line.

# 2026 YWCA LEADER OF DISTINCTION 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:

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**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.