

Leadership Award **NOMINATION** Instructions



The ATHENA Leadership Award celebrates exemplary leadership and is reflective of a quote by Plato: *What is honored in a culture will be cultivated there*. Over 7,000 Recipients have been honored with the ATHENA Leadership Award since the program's inception in 1982.

Presented to leaders across professional sectors, the ATHENA Leadership Award's rich history, international scope and focus on mentorship distinguish it as one of the most prestigious leadership awards one can receive.

THE CRITERIA

ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees must meet each of the following three criteria:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession
- Provide valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community
- Actively assist women in achieving their full leadership potential

QUALIFICATIONS

- ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees may represent either the profit or not-for-profit sector.
- Previous ATHENA Leadership Award Recipients are not eligible for nomination, however past nominees may be nominated again.
- There is no minimum or maximum age qualification that must be met by ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees.

COMPLETING THE FORM

- You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination.
- Nominations for the ATHENA Leadership Award must be submitted using this nomination form and format.
- You may include supporting documents (articles, testimonials, etc) with your completed nomination form.
- **Deadline for submission: July 30th**

THE PROCESS

A Selection Committee, made up of a diverse group of community leaders, will review all nominations and select the ATHENA Leadership Award Recipient. The Recipient will be announced: October 15th, 2026.

QUESTIONS

Contact: dsamples@howell.org

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name

Home Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Personal Email

Company/Organization

Title/Position

Business Address

City, State, Zip

Work Phone

Work Email

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name

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Phone

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Please keep responses focused and concise. Word limit noted next to each question.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession. *(300 words max)*

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee provides valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community. Include type and length of service in civic and service organizations and initiatives. *(300 words max)*

PERSONAL LEADERSHIP/ MENTORSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has actively assisted women in achieving their full leadership potential, and/or demonstrated support for their personal and professional advancement. *(350-400 words max)*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA

Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. Include awards, honors, publications, articles and/or testimonials that demonstrate service to their profession, community, and, most importantly, aspiring and established women leaders. *(150-200 words max)*