



Lawrence Mercer Counties

ATHENA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD



NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

The ATHENA Leadership Awards celebrate exemplary leadership and are reflective of a quote by Plato: *What is honored in a country will be cultivated there.* Over 6500 recipients in 500 communities in eight countries have been honored with ATHENA Leadership Awards since the program's inception in 1982.

Presented to established and emerging leaders across all life sectors, the ATHENA Leadership Awards' rich history, international scope and focus on mentorship distinguish them as among the most prestigious leadership awards one can receive.

We are proud to bring this prestigious program to the Lawrence/Mercer County area. By cultivating women leaders, we are improving the quality of life in our region and increasing the talent pool from which our employers can draw and thrive, and from which our communities can benefit.

THE CRITERIA

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

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their personal lives, 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 and clearly serve as a role model for young women both personally and professionally

QUALIFICATIONS

- ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award nominees may represent either the profit or not-for-profit sector. They may be employed or volunteer contributors to their respective sectors.
- Previous ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award Recipients are not eligible for nomination, however past nominees may be nominated again.
- ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award Nominees are 40 years of age or younger.

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COMPLETING THE FORM

- You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination.
- Nominations for the ATHENA Young Professional 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: Tuesday, March 15, 2017**

THE PROCESS

A Selection Committee, made up of a diverse group of community leaders, will review all nominations and select the ATHENA Leadership Award Recipients. The recipients will be announced at the ATHENA Leadership Award Celebration at New Castle Country Club 511 Country Club Dr., New Castle, PA 16105 on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

QUESTIONS: Contacts:

- Linda Nitch, Lawrence County Economic Development Corp., nitch.pa@gmail.com
- Drew McDowell, First Commonwealth Bank, edanddrew@gmail.com

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Date _____

NOMINEE

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Company/Organization _____

Title/Position _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Work Phone _____ Business Email _____

Age _____

NOMINATOR (Self-nominations are accepted)

Name _____

Company/Organization _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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I. PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in their business, community activities, or profession.

II. 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.

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III. PERSONAL LEADERSHIP/ MENTORSHIP:

Provide specific examples of how the nominee serves as a role model for young women both personally and professionally.

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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.

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