

YWCA OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER
2022 NIAGARA AWARDS: A TRIBUTE TO WOMEN

What is the Niagara Awards: A Tribute to Women?

The Niagara Awards was established by the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Niagara in 1997 as a fundraiser to publicly recognize and honor women who make significant contributions to the Niagara and Erie communities specific to the YWCA's mission of empowering women, eliminating racism, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. **Award recipients will be selected in one of the nine award categories (there may be more than one recipient in each category) and will be recognized at the dinner and their picture and bio will appear in local press articles and the event program. The award recipient(s) in each of the award categories will be notified by the YWCA Selection Committee prior to the dinner.**

In addition, a pre-selected recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award as well as the Friend of the YWCA of the Niagara Frontier Award will be honored and presented with an award at the dinner.

What are the criteria for nominating women for the Niagara Awards?

Women nominated should be those who have consistently demonstrated through their employment, self-employment, volunteer service, or lifestyle, an outstanding commitment to the mission of the YWCA — the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. — in one of the following awards categories:

- **ART** - Women who have excelled in any level of the arts, such as painters, sculptors, photographers, musicians, vocalists, and conductors, arts educators, arts historians, museum and gallery staff, actresses etc. while also supporting the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.
- **EDUCATION** - Women who have excelled at any level of education, including religious or community, in any position, including superintendent, principal, teacher, teacher's aide, college dean, assistant dean, professor, assistant professor, instructor, teaching assistant, professional staff, etc. while supporting the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.
- **EMERGING LEADER** - Women who have begun to exhibit initiative in developing themselves and others in their professional or volunteer life, while supporting the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.
- **ENTREPRENEUR** - Women who have excelled as owners of their own companies, businesses, or organizations while also supporting the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.
- **FRONT LINE** - Women who have excelled as support personnel, such as receptionists, sales associates, clerical workers, secretaries, bookkeepers, administrative assistants, cashiers, bank tellers, customer service representatives, while also supporting the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.
- **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** - Women who have excelled as health care providers, case managers, nurses, physicians, social workers, etc. while also supporting the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

- **MANAGEMENT** - Women who have excelled as top executives and/or officers of corporations, businesses, non-profit organizations, directors, supervisors, managers, etc. while also supporting the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.
- **MILITARY/FIRST RESPONDER** – Women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty as members of the military or first responders, showing their dedication, diligence, and caring to both their service and the people they serve while also supporting the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.
- **SOCIAL CHANGE AGENT** – Women who have excelled in helping an organization or their community advance positive social change while supporting the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Are previous nominees eligible?

Yes. Many organizations and individuals choose to honor a co-worker or friend more than once. Previous nominees are eligible, but previous Niagara Award recipients, YWCA Board of Directors, YWCA employees and Niagara Awards Committee members are not eligible for nomination.

What is the nomination procedure?

Nominators must submit a separate nomination packet for each nomination to be dropped off or mailed to the **attention of Brittany DePietro at 32 Cottage Street, Lockport, NY 14094 or scanned and emailed to bdepietro@ywcantf.org by July 11, 2022.** Faxes cannot be accepted. Forms may also be downloaded by visiting the YWCA of the Niagara Frontier website - www.ywcaniagarafrontier.org - and clicking on "News and Events". **There is no nomination fee.**

How are award recipients selected?

Award recipients will be selected by the Niagara Awards Selection Committee based on the nomination form and narrative which clearly delineates their contribution to the YWCA's mission of the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism, and the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Only award recipients will be contacted.

When are the nominations due?

Nominations must be postmarked no later than **July 11, 2022.**

Can copies of the nomination materials be used?

Yes. Copies of the forms will be accepted, however, original signatures are required where indicated.

When is the Niagara Awards Dinner?

The 2022 Niagara Awards: *A Tribute to Women* will be held Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at **The Doubletree by Hilton Niagara Falls New York, 401 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14303.** Dinner tickets are \$100 (award recipients receive two complimentary tickets) and can be obtained by calling the YWCA at 716-433-6714.

Patron tables are available for \$1,000 (10 seats).

Questions? Please call Brittany DePietro (716) 433-6714, x 241 or email bdepietro@ywcantf.org

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NOMINATION FORM**

Please review the criteria noted above and complete the nomination form and narrative clearly defining the nominee's support of the mission of the YWCA. With the exception of sole proprietors, someone other than the honoree should complete the nomination form.

Nominee Information

Indicate award category (select more than one, if applicable):

- Art
- Education
- Emerging Leader
- Entrepreneur
- Front Line
- Health and Human Services
- Management
- Military/First Responder
- Social Change Agent

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Telephone number _____

Personal E-mail address _____

Employer _____

Job title _____

Work Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Telephone number _____

Work E-mail address _____

Nominator Information

Nominator is: Representative of a company Representative of an organization Individual

Name _____

Representative of _____

Position/title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Telephone number _____

E-mail address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Nomination Narrative

Please include a narrative that clearly indicates why this individual should be considered for a YWCA Niagara Award, in the category or categories selected above, by providing detailed responses to the criteria below. Please limit the narrative to a maximum of two double-spaced typewritten pages, using a standard sized font and margin width.

Criteria: How have the actions of this individual consistently demonstrated through her employment, self-employment, volunteer service, or lifestyle a commitment to the empowerment of women, the elimination of racism and/or the promotion of peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all in her community and/or place of employment?

If available, a resume may also be submitted with the nomination materials, *however, selection for the awards will be based on the narrative, therefore, please be specific and thorough on why this individual should be considered.*

Please review the nomination form and narrative to ensure that all information is complete and submit by **July 11, 2022** to:

Email to: bdepietro@ywcanf.org

or mail to:

YWCA of the Niagara Frontier
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