

Nomination Package

Based on the criteria listed in the Guidelines for Nominations, please provide responses to the following questions, a maximum of **five (5) pages** (excluding letters of support and resume). Please do not bind or staple application materials.

When completing your nomination, please provide as much specific and detailed information as possible. Remember that those reviewing nominations may not be local or familiar with the nominee or her accomplishments—paint a clear picture of her impact, leadership, and community involvement. Thoughtful, concise descriptions and measurable examples help ensure each nominee is fully and fairly represented. Please note: all nominations will be held for a two-year period. If your nominee is not selected this year, her nomination will automatically be considered again next year.

NARRATIVE

1. Describe how your nominee exemplifies excellence in her life and her career.
2. How does nominee inspire others through her work, ideas, and example?
3. Has nominee impacted her field locally or in a broader perspective and how?
4. How does nominee demonstrate creativity and innovation?
5. Why do you believe nominee deserves to be recognized as a Women of Excellence?

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

This section is used to support our narrative on each candidate. Please provide as much detail as you have available.

- Full Name
- Family info (place of birth, etc.)
- Education
- Special accomplishments
- Hobbies or special interests

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Letters of support (maximum 3).
- Attach a copy of the nominee's resume (optional).

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Original form and supporting material are due by 5 p.m. on November 3, 2026 to:

Women of Excellence Selection Committee
YWCA of Lubbock
6501 University Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79413

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR NEED HELP WITH THE NOMINATION FORM, PLEASE CONTACT CALLIE BRYANT AT 806-776-3290 OR VIA E-MAIL AT CALLIE.BRYANT@YWCALUBBOCK.ORG

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2027 YWCA WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE

A YWCA of Lubbock Project

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS

ELIGIBILITY	Nominees must be women who have been residents of Lubbock or worked in Lubbock during the past year. A nominee may be resubmitted; however, previous recipients are not eligible.
CRITERIA	The nominee should be a woman who has achieved excellence in her career or profession in at least one category of achievement listed below. (Career or profession is interpreted to mean paid employment in her field.) Evaluations will be based on the quality of a candidate's achievements rather than the quantity of information submitted. Please attach only the information requested on the form. Do not send scrapbooks or large amounts of materials. Information will not be returned.
JUDGES	Selections will be made by the 2027 YWCA Women of Excellence Selection Committee, an anonymous and diverse group appointed from the community.
DEADLINE	Nomination forms must be submitted to the YWCA of Lubbock, 6501 University Ave., Lubbock, TX 79413, on or before <u>5 p.m. on November 3, 2026</u> . Contact Callie Bryant at 806-776-3290 with questions.
EVENT	The awards event – March 11, 2027 . Visit ywcalubbock.org for ticket information.

SAMPLE CATEGORIES OF ACHIEVEMENT

(Careers or professions are not limited to the examples listed below.)

ARTS AND CULTURE	Including, but not limited to, the creative arts (artists, sculptors, etc.), the performing arts (musicians, singers, actresses, dancers, etc.), and literary arts (authors, writers, poets, etc.).
EDUCATION AND RELIGION	Including, but not limited to, higher educators and administrators, primary and secondary educators and administrators, and ministers, chaplains, and education directors from any religious background.
GOVERNMENT	Including, but not limited to, professionals in local, state, or federal government, politics,
HUMAN SERVICES	Government services, human services, and criminal justice.
SCIENCE AND MEDICINE	Including, but not limited to, research scientists, inventors, engineers, environmentalists, architects, and health professionals.
BUSINESS	Including, but not limited to, business owners, financiers, and entrepreneurs.
PROFESSIONAL	Including, but not limited to, attorneys, accountants, and bankers.
MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS	Including, but not limited to, military, police, fire, and paramedic workers.

NOTE: At the discretion of the Selection Committee, an award may be presented in a category of achievement other than those listed above, or an award may not be presented in every category.

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WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE ACADEMY

1989 – 2026

2026 Women of Excellence		2025 Women of Excellence	
<p>Cicely Alexander Kathleen Burrell Paige Fletcher Stacy Keith Amanda Key-Braster Velma Ruth Shambeck Sarah Wakefield Tammy Williams Brinkley Coker</p>	<p>Education Social Services Law Enforcement Arts & Culture Music Education Medicine Healthcare Youth Leadership</p>	<p>Sarah Bevers Annie Chalex Boyle Kelly Criswell Rhonda Dillard Nedra Hotchkins Lindsey Maestri Chibuzo O'Suoji, MD Dr. Raegan Higgins Siwatu Amarachi Uche-Eboh</p>	<p>Business Music Government Education Health & Medicine Arts & Culture Health Education Science & Research Youth Leadership</p>
2024 Women of Excellence		2023 Women of Excellence	
<p>Janelle Barrington-Spivey Ruth Robillard Nancy Ruth Neal Misty Lynn Rieber Shelia Patterson Harris Pamela Roddy Julie Doss Jeye Johnson Amanda Mead Betsy Bass</p>	<p>Arts & Culture Business Medicine Education Government Human Services Professional Youth Leadership Jane Burns Award Mary Nell Strong Award</p>	<p>Emily Wilkinson Lisa Stane Olivia Boggs Traci Cheek Jessica Gray, MD Murvat Musa Megan Estrada Gabriella Contreras Nanette Deso</p>	<p>Arts & Culture Education Government Human Services Medicine Professional Social Justice Youth Leadership Jane Burns Award</p>
2022 Women of Excellence		2021 Women of Excellence	
<p>Sandra Harris Beth Bridges Janice Magness Comfort Awotwi Pratt, PhD Katherine Wells Dina Jeffries Elizabeth Sharp Ashby Whitaker Lynn Sanderson Melinda Pharies</p>	<p>Arts & Culture Business Education Education Government Human Services Social Justice Youth Leadership Jane Burns Award Mary Nell Strong Award</p>	<p>Elizabeth Regner Grigsby Stephanie Massengale Dr. Patricia Francis-Johnson Norma Ritz Johnson Katelynn Thompson Dr. Amy Thompson Laura Monroe Glenda Grigson Grace Feist</p>	<p>Arts & Culture Business Education Government Human Services Medicine Professional Religion Youth Leadership</p>
2020 Women of Excellence		2019 Women of Excellence	
<p>Wendy-Adele Humphrey Jaime Wheeler Judge Kara Darnell Shirley McReynolds Michelle McCord Paige Allen Sellie Shine Sophie Goforth Latrell Bright Joy</p>	<p>Education Human Services Government Medicine Professional Religion Social Justice Youth Leadership Mary Nell Strong Award</p>	<p>Melissa Collier JoAnn Long, Ph.D. Karen Thornton Annette Sobel, MD Rebecca Geist Brandi Cantrell Lisaann Gittner, Ph.D. Melinda Garcia Schalow, MD Terri Duncan Gabriella Ghandour</p>	<p>Business Education Education Government Medicine Religion Science Social Justice Mary Nell Strong Award Youth Leadership</p>
2018 Women of Excellence		2017 Women of Excellence	
<p>Jean Caslin Linda Ferguson Linda Donahue, Ph.D. Rebecca (Becky) Garza Lindsay Penrose, Ph.D. Carolyn F. Moore Shanna Hargrave Dr. Katharine Hayhoe Aliza S. Wong, Ph.D. Kathy Gilbreath Emilee Acevedo</p>	<p>Arts & Culture Business Education Government Medicine Professional Religion Science Social Justice Mary Nell Strong Award Youth Leadership</p>	<p>Michelle Kraft Phebe Ellis-Roach Anna Jackson Judge Ann-Marie Carruth Sharmila Dissanaiké Kim Flenniken Candace Bourland Hicks Evelyn Davies Madeleine Lipetska</p>	<p>Arts & Culture Business Education Government Medicine Professional Science Mary Nell Strong Award Youth Leadership</p>

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<p align="center">2016 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Janie Bush Monica Hightower Abigail Crawford Berta Fogerson Karen Gibson Ann Manning Emily Lemley Linda Greenstreet Sandi Turner Rhosean Asmah</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education (Classroom Impact) Education (Administration) Government Professional Religion Jane Burns Award Mary Neil Strong Community Serv. Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">2015 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Amy Faris Suzanna Blake Dr. Lisa S. Leach Drue Farmer Lynda Loyce Dutton Dr. Mimi Zumwalt Michelle Pantoya PhD Betty Shewbert Dottos Michelle Suzanne Staley Gail Spivey</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education Government Human Services Medicine Science Mary Nell Strong Award Youth Leadership Award Jane Burns Award</p>
<p align="center">2014 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Alona Beesinger Aretha Marbly PhD Carolyn Simpson Dr. Ariwan Rakvit Laura Vinson Holly Betenbough Carolyn Perry Alejandra Estrada Lorrie Lushnat Bellair</p> <p>Business Education Human Services Medicine Professional Religion Science Youth Leadership Mary Nell Strong Award</p>	<p align="center">2013 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Mary Jones Saathoff, Ph.D. Nita Kiesling Karen K. Garza Marguerite Fallon, D.N.P., R.N. Nancy Tucker Sharp Sindee L. Simon, Ph.D. Neoka Perez Kristen Michelle Alcorte Carolyn Taylor</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education Medicine Professional Science Special Achievement Youth Leadership Mary Nell Strong Award</p>
<p align="center">2012 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Terri Caldwell Diannah Tatum Narissra Punyanunt-Carter Merinda K. Condra Lori Rice Spearman, Ph.D. Emily Ratcliff Louisa Hope-Weeks, Ph.D. Michaela Hardin *Christie Devitt</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education Human Services Medicine Professional Science Youth Leadership Mary Nell Strong Award</p>	<p align="center">2011 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Yvonne Racz Key Aimee C. Doane Dr. Kitty Harris Wilkes Beth Lawson Dr. Kelly Overlay Kamlesh Varma, M.D. Kay Cross Sarah Jo Lambert</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education & Religion Government & Human Serv. Professional Science & Medicine Special Award Youth Leadership</p>
<p align="center">2010 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Bonnie J. Aycock Billie J. Caviel Grace Hernandez Nancy M. Koenig Vickie Russell Mary Crites Dr. Betsy Goebel Jones Sharon Hyde Bass Jade Shank</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education & Religion Government Human Services Professional Science & Medicine Special Achievement Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">2009 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Louise Hopkins Underwood Margarita Olivarez Mitzi Ziegner Catherine Lee Pope Christina Esperat, R.N., Ph.D., F.A.A.N. Stacie George Melinda Corwin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP Sally Kipyego Jennifer McGrew</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education & Religion Government & Human Serv. Medicine Professional Science Special Achievement Youth Leadership</p>
<p align="center">2008 Women of Excellence</p> <p>LaWanda Sherrod Murfee SuzAnn Moore Kirby Linda M. Brice, Ph.D. Maria Elena Quintanilla Kay Holder Sanford Sharyn Ivory Melisa Tatum Roberts Pamela A. Eibeck Allison Rae Korinek</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education Government Human Services Medicine Professional Science Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">2007 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Beth Pratt Jan Thetford Kathryn Kinnison Rollo Adrienne Cozart Kathy Stocco Beena Variyam Cindy Jumper, M.D. *Mary Nell Strong Nicole Mitchell</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education Government Human Services Professional Science & Medicine Jane O. Burns, Ph.D. YWCA Youth Leadership</p>
<p align="center">2006 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Margaret Yirka Vugrin Linda Gaither Linda Crawford Hoover, Ph.D. Vernita Woods-Holmes Judith Henry, Ed.D. Karen Baggerly, MSN, R.N. Rosa Hernandez Sheets, Ph.D. Marie Pfarr</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education Government & Human Services Professional Science & Medicine Special Achievement Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">2005 Women of Excellence</p> <p>*Conny McDonald Martin (Mrs. C.B.) Margaret Williams Nettie Edwards Danette Castle Renee Bergenheier Underwood Patti J. Patterson, MD Susan Ford Wiltshire, Ph.D. Sara Ellen McCunniff</p> <p>Arts & Culture Business Education & Religion Government & Human Serv. Professional Science & Medicine Special Achievement Youth Leadership</p>

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<p align="center">2004 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Lugene Lane Pickering Arts & Culture Geneva B. Boren Business Marilyn Phelan, J.D. Education Elma S. Moreno Government Gloria Snell Galey Human Services Sara Stalcup McKee Professional Marianna Shubov, Ph.D. Science Katie Megan Akeroyd Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">2003 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Toni Arnett Art Margaret Brannon-Randle, M.Ed. Education Trudy Putteet Government & Human Serv. Mary Jeanne van Appledorn, Ph.D. Music Suzanne Adams Beck, M.D. Professional Rev. Stephanie Schreiner Nash Religion Alexia E. Green, R.N., Ph.D., F.A.A.N. Science & Medicine Sharon Young Prather Special Achievement Ashley Marie Cartwright Youth Leadership</p>
<p align="center">2002 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Tina Fuentes Arts & Culture Kay Davis Business Lady Falls Brown, Ph. D. Education Ione Heartsill Government & Human Services Connie Wharton Professional Donna Bacchi, M.D., M.P.H. Science & Medicine Joe Love Stogner Nelson Special Achievement Alana K. Noble Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">2001 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Pat Maines Arts & Culture Maxine Willingham Business Janie Landin Ramirez Education & Religion Judge Judy Parker Government Linda Suzan Lazarin Thomas Human Services Dr. Myrna L. Armstrong Science & Medicine Mayor Windy Sitton Special Achievement Lauren Griffin Youth Leadership</p>
<p align="center">2000 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Jean Bledsoe Knight Business JoAnn Leavey Shroyer, Ph.D. Education Carolyn R. McDougal Entrepreneur Shari Dorris Flynn Government & Human Services Jane Ann Tustin, R.N., M.S.N., C.S.N. Medicine Brenda J. Becknell Professional Sunanda Mitra, Ph.D. Science Brooke Chavez Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">1999 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Judy Wells Chisholm Business Jan Berry Morris Education Patsy Landrum Whipple Government & Human Serv. Catherine A. Ronaghan, M.D., F.A.C.S. Medicine Elizabeth Valentine Abraham Religion Beverly Chilton, Ph.D. Science Burnis Marie Henderson Special Achievement Meghan Paige Fleming Youth Leadership</p>
<p align="center">1998 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Peggy Willis-Aarnio Arts & Culture Diane Brown Earl Business Dorothy Phea-Norville Education & Religion Leigh Keeney McPhaul Government & Human Services Annette Gary, R.N. Ph.D Medicine Francina Johanna Proctor Religion Caryl E. Heintz, Ph.D. Science Reagan Elyse Davis Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">1997 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Ruth Jane Holmes, Ph.D. Arts & Culture Phyllis Sullivan Jones Business Sherry Sancibrian Education Kathy Volanty, Ph.D. Government & Human Serv. Irasema Velasquez Professional Marisue Pounders Smith Religion Jitra Subpamongkol Anuras, M.D. Science & Medicine Christy Michele Badgwell Youth Leadership</p>
<p align="center">1996 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Karin Crider McCay Arts & Culture Nancy Jo Patton Business Jane O. Burns, Ph.D. Education & Religion Paula Davis Lanehart, Judge Government & Human Services Patricia S. Yoder Wise, R.N., Ed.D Medicine Paulina M. Jacobo, J.D. Professional Cassandra L. Henry Science Holli Nicole Douglass Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">1995 Women of Excellence</p> <p>*Billie Wolfe Arts & Culture *Betty Baker Business Tammy D. Barnes Fedynick Education & Religion Louise T. Cummins Government & Human Services Louise Willson Arnold Professional Marian K. Solowy Myers, M.D. Science & Medicine *Norma E. Porres, M.D. Special Achievement Shaili M. Khandheria Youth Leadership</p>
<p align="center">1994 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Suzanne Aker Arts & Culture Lou Dunn Diekemper Business Jane L. Winer, Ph.D. Education & Religion Gwendolyn Titus Government & Human Services *Nelda Thompson Professional Irene S. Wilson, R.N., M.Ed. Science & Medicine Sheryl Swoopes Special Achievement Monica Baca Youth Leadership</p>	<p align="center">1993 Women of Excellence</p> <p>Sylvia Ashby Arts & Culture Mary Tom Riley O'Bar, Ed.D. Education & Religion *Rita P. Harmon Government *Barbara L. Sommerville Human Services Sandra Sabatini, Ph.D., M.D. Medicine Susan Singer Hendrick, Ph.D. Science *Louise C. Allen Special Achievement Katherine Anne Lucas Youth Leadership</p>

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1992 Women of Excellence

*Elizabeth Skidmore Sasser, Ph.D.	Arts & Culture
*Margaret Talkington	Business
*Sister Maureen Van der Zee, C.S.J.	Education & Religion
Carolyn Lanier	Government & Human Services
*Marjorie C. Kastman	Professional
Mary Grace Umlauf, R.N., Ph.D.	Science & Medicine
Marsha Sharp	Special Achievement
Kirsten Storin Doty	Youth Leadership

1991 Women of Excellence

*Betty J. Savage Mills	Arts & Culture
*Virginia M. Sowell, Ph.D.	Education
Rev. Jo Roberts Mann	Religion
Sylvia A. Martinez-Flores	Government
Jane F. Goldthorn, M.D.	Medicine
Melanie Weed Barnes	Science
Helen Wagner Willey	Special Achievement
Michelle Leslie Erickson	Youth Leadership

1990 Women of Excellence

Glenna Maxey Goodacre	Art—Special Award
*Palma Lancaster Smiley	Arts & Culture
Ethel M. McLeod	Business
Shirley Anne Naile McManigal, Ph.D.	Education & Religion
Yondell Masten, R.N.C., Ph.D.	Medicine
Eileen McAllister Johnson, Ph.D.	Science
Alicia Boswell	Youth Leadership

1989 Women of Excellence

Janeen Drew Gilliam	Arts & Culture
Elizabeth G. Haley, Ph.D.	Education & Religion
Marilyn Jantz Dickey	Government & Human Services
Elizabeth Creson Sisco, J.D.	Professional
Teddy L. Langford, R.N., Ph.D., C.N.A.A.	Science & Medicine
Kamie Ethridge	Special Achievement
Yumi Christina Koh	Youth Leadership

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