**ATHENA 2025 Leadership Award Nomination Form**

The ATHENA Leadership Award celebrates exemplary leadership and is reflective of a quote by Plato: *What is honored in a country 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 and must work and/or reside in the Medina County. Please make sure your nominee is eligible. Previous ATHENA Leadership Award recipients are not eligible for nomination. However, past nominees or finalists may be nominated again.

**COMPLETING THE FORM**

* Nominate prior to deadline of 7/15/25 and we will contact nominee to complete form.
* Nominees are strongly encouraged to at least assist in completing the form.
* Nominations should be submitted using this nomination form and **we cannot accept handwritten documents.**
* **Only ONE** nomination form is accepted.
* You may include supporting documents (articles, testimonials, etc) with your completed nomination form. Maximum of five pages – not including the nomination form.

**NOMINATIONS, INCLUDING ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO: kcole@womens-journal.com SUBJECT: Athena Nominee**

**THE PROCESS**

A Selection Committee, made up of a diverse group of community leaders, will review all nominations. If chosen nominee MUST be available the evening of November 18, 2025. **The recipient will be informed before the awards program.**

*NOTE: If you do not feel you have all the necessary information to fill out the nominations form on behalf of the nominee. Please fill out the nominee section only and we will contact the individual to complete the application.*

**NOMINEE**

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| First and Last Name\* |  |
| Street Address |  |
| Address Line 2 |  |
| City |  | State |  | Zip |  |
| Phone\* |  | Email\* |  |
| Company/Organization |  |
| Title/Position |  |
| Business Street Address |  |
| Business Address Line 2 |  |
| City |  | State |  | Zip |  |
| Work Phone |  |
| Work Email |  |

It is important on the nomination form to provide, in each section, SPECIFIC EXAMPLES of the nominee’s significant, measurable contributions. Please be as specific as possible in your descriptions—dates, positions held, accomplishments etc.—as this information is very important to the selection process.

1. **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP**Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated
excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession. \*
2. **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. \*
3. **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. \*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA**Include at least ***one written letter of recommendation or testimonials*** that demonstrate service to their profession, community, and most importantly, aspiring, and established women leaders. In addition, you may include any information you feel is important for consideration of the nominee. Include awards, honors, articles and leadership roles.