

NOMINATION Package

Deadline February 20, 2012

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PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE



Over the past 15 years, Influential Women of Northern Ontario has profiled and honoured incredible women who have contributed to economic wealth and growth in the northern region. They are small business owners, young entrepreneurs, public sector employees and managers in many businesses. These IW Alumni

represent various communities and cities in the North – from Sioux Lookout, to Elliot Lake, to Kapuskasing, to Kenora and the five major cities in between. What all the IW Alumni share is the tenacity, energy and fortitude to seek success for themselves, their employees and their communities. We are celebrating our 15th year, which calls for a new look! We have introduced new categories which will stand out in a modernized way. The quality of these award categories reflects on the nominations we receive annually. They are all outstanding contributors to our region and inspiring role models for our future leaders. The Executive of the Year Award will be presented to a woman who has sustained a secure position within an established company. The entrepreneur of the year will be presented to a woman who owns her own business and has contributed to her community. These two new categories will replace the private and public sector categories.

The Influential Women of Northern Ontario Awards will be presented to women in Northern Ontario who are either entrepreneurs, up and coming leaders or established leaders in executive positions within one of the three categories: Executive of the Year Award, Entrepreneur of the Year, and Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Six women, three from Northeastern Ontario and three from Northwestern Ontario, will be honoured at two celebratory luncheons, one which will be held in Timmins on May 28, 2012 and the other in Thunder Bay on May 31, 2012.

The “Aspiring Achiever Scholarship” was introduced in 2009 and was a huge success. This scholarship will be awarded to one Grade 12 student from Northern Ontario who meets the criteria outlined in the nomination form. We want to encourage future generations of women in business and public sector positions to continue to build our communities, and what better way than to initiate a scholarship component to our program. The Scholarship winner will join the IW Award winners for 2012 and will be honoured along with them at the IW Awards ceremony. We anticipate a tremendous response to the 15th annual celebration, where we will once again profile and honour women in the region, who continue to build economic wealth and opportunity for us all. Nominate an Influential Woman and attend one or both of our celebratory luncheons. You are sure to be inspired!

Patricia Mills
Publisher, Northern Ontario Business

2012 AWARDS LUNCHEONS & TRADE SHOW

TIMMINS
Monday May 28, 2012
Days Inn

THUNDER BAY
Thursday May 31, 2012
Victoria Inn

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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for these awards, the nominee must:

- Hold a position with any company or organization across all sectors
- She must be in her position for a minimum of three years
- She must go above and beyond the role of her career and contribute to her community
- The nominee must live and work within the region of Northern Ontario

CATEGORIES

Executive of the Year Award

The award is presented to a woman who is a successful executive within an established organization. To qualify, the following questions must be answered:

- How has the nominee positively influenced her workplace and industry?
- How has she contributed to economic wealth, job creation and growth?
- How has she overcome professional obstacles to achieve her goals?
- How has she exhibited extraordinary leadership?
- In what ways has she initiated change through innovation?
- How has she gone beyond her career to enrich her community?

Entrepreneur of the Year Award

This award is presented to a woman who has overcome obstacles (either personal, financial etc) to obtain the position she is in now. She owns a business, manages a business or is co-owner of a business that has a successful and notable track record for a minimum of 3 years. To qualify, the following questions must be answered:

- How has she positively influenced her workplace, industry and community?
- How has she contributed to economic wealth, job creation and growth?
- What has she done to overcome professional obstacles to achieve company goals?
- How has she exhibited extraordinary leadership?
- Describe the nominee's community involvement outside of her work mandate.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award

The award is presented to a woman between the age of 19-35 years as of February 20, 2012, She owns a business, manages a business or is co-owner of a business that has a successful and notable track record for a minimum of 3 years. To qualify, the following questions must be answered:

- How has she shown determination in her role as an entrepreneur?
- How has she overcome professional obstacles to achieve her goals?
- How has she exhibited extraordinary leadership (i.e. entrepreneurial spirit, risk-taking, and employee relations?)
- How has she gone beyond her career to enrich her community?

For nominations to qualify they must include:

- Completed nomination form
- Answer to questions found under category
- Minimum of 2 letters of reference in support of the nominee (nominator excluded)
- Copy of the nominee's resume
- 5 unbound copies of package or an emailed submission

Selection Process

- Northeast nominations are judged by two judges from the Northwest
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- The judges are solely responsible for the review, evaluation and selection of award winners
- The judges selections are final and are not subject to review
- All winners will be notified in writing prior to the events
- Award winners will be profiled in a souvenir magazine that will be distributed with the June issue of Northern Ontario Business and posted on WWW.INFLUENTIALWOMEN.CA

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JUDGING PROCESS, NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- Completed nomination form
- Copy of nominee's résumé
- Answers to the questions for the appropriate award category
- Two letters of reference in support of the nominee
- Five UNBOUND copies of the nomination or an emailed submission to kimberley@nob.on.ca

2012 NOMINATION FORM

Do you know someone who meets the eligibility criteria? If so, please complete the following information and send it to the address below before February 20, 2012.

NAME OF NOMINEE		TITLE
COMPANY		PHONE NUMBER
BUSINESS PHONE	CELLULAR	EMAIL ADDRESS
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	POSTAL CODE

NAME OF NOMINATOR		TITLE
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PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE AWARD CATEGORY:

- Executive of the Year
 Entrepreneur of the Year
 Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Nominating is easy... Use the following checklist to ensure your nomination is completed in full!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fill in this nomination form. | <input type="checkbox"/> Collect two letters of recommendation in support of the nominee. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Answers the questions asked in the appropriate Award category. | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide five unbound copies of all nomination material or an emailed submission. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a copy of the nominee's resumé. | |

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 20, 2012 TO BE ELIGIBLE.
NOMINATE ONLINE AT: WWW.INFLUENTIALWOMEN.CA

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