



Maryland Commission for Women

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2015 MARYLAND WOMEN OF TOMORROW NOMINATION FORM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Maryland Commission for Women, the Maryland State Department of Education and the Friends of the Maryland Commission for Women are seeking recommendations of outstanding young women from Maryland, in grades 7-12, for our 2015 Women of Tomorrow Awards. Young women are honored in three different grade groupings: grades 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12. There will be six honorees, two per grade grouping, a First Place winner and an Honorable Mention.

The Women of Tomorrow Awards was established in 1997 to honor and acknowledge extraordinary young women who have demonstrated a commitment to community service and academic excellence.

The Women of Tomorrow Awards provides the opportunity to honor these remarkable young women. We invite schools, organizations and individuals to nominate a deserving young woman who has made a difference in the lives of others in their schools and community.

An independent committee representing a cross section of the state will review the nominations and make the final recommendations. The Maryland Commission for Women will honor these students in a special ceremony in **June of 2015**.

The selection process and criteria for nominees is specified in detail on the following pages.

Please complete this entire packet and submit it with the essay, photo (in jpeg format) and supporting documents (see instructions).

All nominations must be received no later than Friday, March, 13, 2015. Electronic submissions may be emailed to Judith.vaughan-prather@maryland.gov and mailed packets should be sent to the Maryland Commission for Women, 51 Monroe Street, Suite 1034, Rockville, MD 20850. Please direct any questions to the Commission's office at 301.610.4523.

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2015 WOMEN OF TOMORROW AWARDS

Nomination Criteria

The mission of the Women of Tomorrow Award is to honor those young women who, through their efforts and academic achievement, have made a significant and remarkable contribution to their communities.

Nominees may be either living or deceased, and will be selected by merit, not endorsement.

Nominees must have been born in Maryland or have lived a significant portion of their lives in Maryland and currently reside in Maryland.

Nominees must have made significant and lasting contributions to their communities while achieving academic excellence.

Nominee must currently be in one of the following grade groupings:

Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, Grades 11-12

Instructions for Submitting Nominations

List the significant contributions this young woman has started or encouraged others to contribute.

Identify the goals that she has set for herself and how she is accomplishing these goals.

Include a brief biographical sketch including information on the nominee's education (including GPA and other academic factors) along with a photo, 4 x 6 inch in jpeg format @ 300 pixels per inch and volunteer activities.

Identify the nominee's outstanding achievement, accomplishment or contribution for which she should be considered. A listing of other accomplishments may be included.

Explain the benefit of her contribution to her community and/or school.

Explain any hardships that she has encountered that make her accomplishments above and beyond those of other young women.

Explain the enduring value of her contribution to her community.

Outline her leadership abilities and her ability to inspire those around her.

Include no more than two letters of recommendation. Recommendation letters should be typed and sent as part of the nomination packet. Nomination packets may include supporting documents such as pertinent newspaper and magazine articles, or primary works. Please only include essential documents that communicate the nominee's accomplishments as concisely and directly as possible.

All materials submitted must be written clearly, preferably typed, numbering no more than **12 pages** (**NOT INCLUDING THE APPLICATION AND PHOTO**). Any pages beyond 12 will not be considered.

Please note that most of these criteria will be described on the attached application with the exception of the letter of recommendations, the brief biography, the essay and the photo. Criteria answered on separate sheets WILL NOT be counted against the 12 page maximum amount of pages. All nominations must be received no later than Friday, March 13, 2015.

Photos and any written information in the nomination package may be used in publications relating to this event and may be posted on the Commission for Women's website.

General Rules

The Women of Tomorrow Award is open to all young women of Maryland regardless of race, color, national origin, physical challenge, religious or political affiliation, except immediate family members of the Commissioners and staff of the Maryland Commission for Women.

The nominator **must not** be related to the person they nominate.

Nominators may only nominate **ONE** young woman for this award.

The nominee must currently be in **grades 7-12**

Awards may be posthumous.

Incomplete nominations will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee for review.

Only nominations postmarked or emailed by **Friday, March 13, 2015** will be accepted.

Nomination packets and supporting documents become the property of the Maryland Commission for Women and will not be returned.

Nomination packet is to be received or emailed by Friday, March 13, 2015. Email submissions to Judith.Vaughan-Prather@maryland.gov , or mailed to the following address: 51 Monroe Street, Ste. 1034 Rockville, MD 20850

2015 NOMINATION FORM

PART A: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Nominee's
Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ If deceased, include date of death _____

Place of Birth: _____ Length of Maryland Residency: _____

For contemporary nominee:

Mailing
Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Nominee's Cell Phone: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian (Print Please):

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Relative's Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Relative's Email Address: _____

As Nominator, Please provide the following information:

Name of
Nominator: _____

Title of Nominator: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State,
Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email
Address: _____

Nominator's Signature

Please provide two references from individuals who are knowledgeable of the nominee's achievements and character, and are from the community served:

References:

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

Received by the *Maryland Commission for Women*: _____

Complete nomination submissions must be received by March 13, 2015 by the close of business.

Please email all nomination packets to Judith.vaughan-prather@maryland.gov

Or mail to:

*Maryland Commission for Women
c/o Judith Vaughan-Prather
51 Monroe Street, Ste. 1034 Rockville, MD 20850*

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PART B: CRITERIA/FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

Please provide information about the nominee for the following criteria. (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

Criterion 1: Significant Contribution

The nominee has taken the initiative to start special projects in her community that involve others, or have the possibility in the future of encouraging others to contribute. (Ex: Planting bay grasses for ecology / Sandwiches to the Homeless / Tutoring the disadvantaged.)

Describe:

Criterion 2: Goals & Objectives

The nominee has set goals for herself for the future and is pursuing the objectives that she needs to accomplish in order to obtain the goals.

Describe:

Criterion 3: Enthusiasm/Passion/Commitment

The nominee possesses superior drive or determination, which she uses to follow through with her set goals and objectives.

Describe:

Criterion 4: Pursuit of Academic Excellence

The nominee has an exceptional academic record and/or has demonstrated significant effort towards and improvement in her level of academic achievement.

Grade Point Average: _____ **On Scale of:** _____

Other academic factors, i.e., vocational fields, in-depth studies, honors or AP courses

Criterion 5: Leadership

The nominee assumes a leadership role in school and/or community activities, has the ability to inspire others and generate enthusiasm, and/or leads with her actions in ways such as volunteering, expressing individuality, and being a diligent worker.

Describe:

Criterion 6: Exceptional Background

Has the nominee experienced any hardship in her life that makes her achievements above and beyond that of other young women?

Describe:

PART C: NOMINEE

Questions **MUST** be completed by nominee on a separate sheet – No more than 500 words typed

- 1) What does a Woman of Tomorrow mean to you?
- 2) Define a LEADER.
- 3) Select a historical or contemporary woman that you admire. Describe what you find admirable about her life or accomplishments. (The woman you choose for this essay may not be a relative of yours.)

Part D: Biographical Sketch of Nominee (if selected will be utilized in program booklet)

(Highlighting academic, extracurricular school and community activities, aspirations for the future- 500 words or less)