

***Women of Achievement Awards Nomination Form***

**Women of Achievement Awards:**

The YWCA Central Maine honors women in Androscoggin County and the greater State of Maine through the Women of Achievement Awards. The Women of Achievement Awards include four distinct awards: the Lee Young Leadership Award, the Tonie Ramsey Service Award, the Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award, and the Marcia Baxter Social Justice Award. Award winners are chosen based on their success in work and volunteer activities.

Award recipients and nominators will be notified of their selection once the review process is complete. Awards will be presented at the Women of Achievement Awards Gala on Thursday, October 19, 2017. If your nominee is selected, you will receive one complimentary ticket to the event. As this is one of YWCA Central Maine’s largest fundraising events, additional tickets will be available for purchase. If a nominee is not selected in the first year she is nominated, her nomination will be considered during next year’s selection meeting and YWCA staff will contact the nominator to request updated information at that time.

**Nomination Guidelines Checklist:**

* I am not submitting a nominee who has already received the award. (See full list of recipients at ywcamaine.org)
* I am not an immediate family member of the nominee. She is not my parent, child, or partner.
* I am not a YWCA staff member, current board member, or Women of Achievement committee member.
* The person I want to nominate is not a YWCA staff member, current board member, or Women of Achievement committee member.
* The person I want to nominate is not seeking elected office this year.
* The person I want to nominate lives, works, or volunteers in Maine.

**How to nominate a Woman of Achievement**

Complete a nomination packet. Please do not submit materials other than those requested. Resumes and articles are not required. Nominations must be typed. Submit nominations to the YWCA Central Maine by **5:00pm on Tuesday, August 1** via ywcawomenofachievementawards@gmail.com or drop off a printed copy at 130 East Avenue, Lewiston. *Award recipients must be present at the Women of Achievement Awards Gala on Thursday, October 19, 2017 to receive the award.*

Questions? If you need an interpreter, translator, materials in an alternate format, or other accommodations to nominate a Woman of Achievement please call the YWCA at 207-795-4050 or email: [ywcawomenofachievementawards@gmail.com](mailto:ywcawomenofachievementawards@gmail.com)

***Women of Achievement Award Nomination Coversheet***

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| **My contact information:** |
| Nominator’s name: |
| Mailing Address: |
| Email: |
| Phone numbers: Work: Home: Cell: |
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| **Contact information of the person I am nominating:** |
| Nominee’s Name: |
| Mailing Address: |
| Email: |
| Phone numbers: Work: Home: Cell: |
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| **Award Category:** |
| Please select one award for which you would like to propose a nomination. You may nominate multiple women for different awards but you may not nominate the same woman for more than one award. |
| *Lee Young Leadership Award* |
| *Tonie Ramsey Service Award* |
| *Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award* |
| *Marcia Baxter Social Justice Award* |

**Statement of Non-Discrimination & Nominee Demographics**

The Women of Achievement Awards are open to all women including cisgender and transgender women. The YWCA Central Maine recognizes womanhood in all forms and does not discriminate based on gender assigned at birth. The YWCA Central Maine strives to ensure that the Women of Achievement Award recipients reflect the full diversity of the Lewiston-Auburn community. The YWCA Central Maine encourages community members to nominate women leaders who are diverse in race, ethnicity, religion, age, occupation, and field of expertise. Please help us achieve this goal by indicating the age or approximate age and racial or ethnic group with which the nominee identifies.

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| **Age of Nominee:** |
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| **Racial or Ethnic Group (Please mark all that apply)**  **Note if nominee identifies differently than options provided:** |
| Native American, First Nations, American Indian |
| Asian and/or MENA (Middle East and North African) heritage |
| Black, African-American, African-Descent |
| Latina/Hispanic |
| Native Hawaiian or Asian Pacific Islander |
| White |

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Please provide specific examples that illustrate how the nominee fulfills the qualities of the awards in the following questions. For example, state *"Mary is the owner of XYZ products. She mentors three teenage students enrolled in X School. She serves on the board of X and Y." etc*. This response will be more helpful to our committee members than *"Mary is a wonderful woman who does so much for her community.*” This statement is very like true, but the committee needs to know specifically what the nominee does for her community and why you think it matters.

1. Briefly describe your relationship to the nominee.

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1. Summarize your nominee’s accomplishments. This may include education, professional or volunteer work, political campaigns, organizing efforts, artistic achievements, ‘firsts,’ personal or community-related achievements, etc. This will help us write an introduction for publicity materials, should your nominee be chosen.

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**The Lee Young Leadership Award**

*Excellence in professional, community, civic, or artistic leadership.*

The Lee Young Leadership award is named in honor of the civic, organizational, and community leadership that Lee Young has generously given to the Lewiston-Auburn area and greater State of Maine. Lee Young was the President of the YWCA Board of Directors and has dedicated many decades of service and leadership to the organization.

Please use specific examples to demonstrate the nominee’s **leadership** within her field(s) of expertise. Consider the following prompts. You may include information that is not contained within these questions and you are not required to answer every question. Please limit responses to up to approximately 1,000 words.

1. How has the nominee shown leadership in her professional and/or volunteer fields?
2. How might the nominee define leadership? How has this definition informed her work?
3. How has the nominee inspired or mentored others to lead? How has she made space for new leaders in her field(s)?
4. How has the nominee’s leadership impacted Androscoggin County or the greater State of Maine? Describe the scope of her work/impact.

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**Tonie Ramsey Service Award**

*Exceptional, long-term commitment to improving communities and the lives of others through service.*

The Tonie Ramsey Service Award is named in honor of Tonie Ramsey’s lifetime commitment to community service in Lewiston-Auburn. Tonie Ramsey has been an employee, board member, and volunteer for the YWCA Central Maine. Her dedication of time, wisdom, and service to innumerable community organizations is reflected in the spirit of the service award.

Please use specific examples to demonstrate the nominee’s **service** to her community/ies. Consider the following prompts. You may include information that is not contained within these questions and you are not required to answer every question. Please limit responses to up to approximately 1,000 words.

1. How has the nominee served her community? Please include volunteer work, board service, activism and organizing, in addition to any social-service career work.
2. How might the nominee define service to community? How has this definition informed her work?
3. How has the nominee inspired or mentored others to serve? How has she supported those new to her causes/communities/or profession?
4. How has the nominee’s service been informed by community need? Describe how her service has been done *with* communities in need, as opposed to work that is done *for* or *to* specific communities.
5. How has the nominee’s service impacted Androscoggin County or the greater State of Maine? Describe the scope of her work/impact.

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**Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award**

*Extraordinary investment in public enrichment through philanthropic giving and fundraising.*

The Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award is named in honor of Priscilla Gendron’s legacy of community engagement through charitable giving and service. The award reflects Priscilla Gendron’s generous support and involvement with the YWCA and numerous other community organizations.

Please use specific examples to demonstrate the nominee’s **philanthropic and fundraising** legacy. Consider the following prompts. You may include information that is not contained within these questions and you are not required to answer every question. Please limit responses to up to approximately 1,000 words.

1. Describe the nominee’s philanthropic and/or fundraising work and the causes, movements, organizations, etc. where she has invested resources.
2. How might the nominee define ethical giving? How has this definition informed her work?
3. How has the nominee inspired or mentored others to engage in philanthropy or fundraising? How has she supported new leaders in her philanthropic or fundraising work?
4. How has the nominee engaged in community-informed giving, built relationships of mutual respect with communities or organizations that she has worked with, supported efforts that are for and by communities in-need, and/or utilized philanthropy as a means to increase social capital in under-served communities?
5. Describe the impact and scope of the nominee’s philanthropy or fundraising in Androscoggin County or the greater State of Maine.

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**Marcia Baxter Social Justice Award**

*Courage, commitment, leadership, and humility in working toward a more just and equitable community.*

The Marcia Baxter Social Justice Award is named in honor of Marcia Baxter’s work toward the realization of racial and gender equity at the YWCA Central Maine and with the YWCA USA. Marcia Baxter has been an employee and Board member at the YWCA Central Maine. The award reflects Marcia Baxter’s commitment to the YWCA mission of eliminating racism and empowering women through service to the Lewiston-Auburn community that was profoundly ahead of her time.

Please use specific examples to demonstrate the nominee’s **social justice** work. Consider the following prompts. You may include information that is not contained within these questions and you are not required to answer every question. Please limit responses to up to approximately 1,000 words.

1. Describe the movements, organizations, causes, etc. that the nominee has worked for (paid or unpaid) that are connected to racial, gender, economic, LGBTQ, disability, immigrant, justice, or any other social justice imperatives.
2. How might the nominee define a community in which justice and equity are fully realized? How has this definition informed her work?
3. How has the nominee mentored or inspired others to get involved in social justice work? How has she supported new and diverse leaders to rise up?
4. What efforts has the nominee engaged in to advance social justice within her own community/ies? How has she demonstrated meaningful solidarity and/or de-centered herself when engaging with communities outside of her own?
5. How has the nominee considered, recognized, and addressed the ways in which multiple identities and experiences overlap in her work on social justice issues (this is often referred to as an ‘intersectional’ approach)? For example, in the struggle for pay equity in Maine, how have both race and gender been addressed?
6. Describe the impact and scope of the nominee’s social justice work in Androscoggin County or the greater State of Maine.

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