



Nomination Form

YWCA Central Maine honors women's success in work and volunteer activities in Androscoggin County and the greater State of Maine through four distinct awards:

***The Lee Young Leadership Award
The Tonie Ramsey Service Award
The Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award
The Marcia Baxter Social Justice Award***

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 Brunch on March 10, 2024.

If your nominee is selected, you will receive one complimentary ticket. The Brunch is one of YWCA Central Maine's largest fundraising events; additional tickets will be available for purchase.

Please submit nominations to YWCA Central Maine by February 1, 2024.

Winners will be announced on February 15, 2024.

Special Instructions:

1. You may submit numerous nominations, but only 1 per nominee
2. Award recipients must be present at the Women of Achievement Awards Brunch on March 10, 2024, to receive the award.
3. To submit the form please save your form and email it to jmolloy@ywcamaine.org by 2/1/2024
4. If you have questions or if you need an interpreter, translator, application materials in an alternative format or other accommodations to complete the application, please call the YWCA at 207-795-4050 or email jmolloy@ywcamaine.org
5. You may nominate more than one woman for different awards, but you may only choose one award per nominee. To nominate someone else you will need to submit a separate form.

Description of Awards

Choose which award you would like to nominate for:

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 the State of Maine. Lee Young was the president of the YWCA Central Maine Board of Directors and has dedicated decades of service and leadership to the organization.

The 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 YWCA Central Maine. Her dedication of time, wisdom, and service to innumerable community organizations is reflected in the spirit of the service award.

The 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.

The 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 YWCA Central Maine and with YWCA USA. Marcia Baxter has been an employee and Board member at 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.

I am nominating the woman* below for the following award:

Please select the award for which you would like to submit a nomination. Choose only one.

The Lee Young Leadership Award: Excellence in professional, community, civic, or artistic leadership.

The Tonie Ramsey Service Award: Exceptional, long-term commitment to improving communities and the lives of others through service.

The Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award: Extraordinary investment in public enrichment through philanthropic giving and fundraising.

The Marcia Baxter Social Justice Award: Courage, commitment, leadership, and humility in working toward a more just and equitable community.

Nominee's Information:

Name:

Address:

City:


State:

Zip:

Email:


Phone:

Briefly describe your relationship to the nominee:



Summarize the nominee's accomplishments, such as education, professional or volunteer work, political advocacy, organizing efforts, artistic achievements, "firsts," personal or community-related achievements, etc. We will use this information to make a public introduction if your nominee is chosen. (1250 characters or less)

Please explain in detail the reason for your nomination for this specific award and why you believe your nominee should win this award. (*your answer to this question may be used for introductions or marketing materials announcing winners) (2000 characters or less)



Please use specific examples to demonstrate the nominee's service within her field(s) of expertise. Consider the prompts listed below. You may include information that is not captured by these questions. You are not required to answer every question. The next page is for your answer, please limit responses to 6,500 characters.

The Lee Young Leadership Award: *Please use specific examples to demonstrate the nominee's leadership within her field(s) of expertise related to professional, community, civic, or artistic leadership.*

- How has the nominee shown leadership in her professional and/or volunteer fields?
- How might the nominee define leadership? How has this definition informed her work?
- How has the nominee inspired or mentored others to lead?
- How has she made space for new leaders in the field(s)?
- How has the nominee's leadership impacted Androscoggin County and/or the State of Maine?

The Tonie Ramsey Service Award: *Please use specific examples to demonstrate the nominee's service within her field(s) of expertise related to improving communities and the lives of others through service.*

- How has the nominee served her community? Please include volunteer work, board service, activism and organizing, in addition to any social service career work.
- How might the nominee define service to community? How has this definition informed her work?
- How has the nominee inspired or mentored others to serve? How has she supported those new to her causes/communities/profession?
- 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.
- How has the nominee's service impacted Androscoggin County or the greater State of Maine?

The Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award: *Please use specific examples to demonstrate the nominee's philanthropic and fundraising legacy.*

- Describe the nominee's philanthropic and/or fundraising work and the causes, movements, organizations, etc. where she has invested resources.
- How might the nominee define ethical giving? How has this definition informed her work?
- 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?
- 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 underserved communities?
- Describe the impact and scope of the nominee's philanthropy or fundraising in Androscoggin County or the greater State of Maine.

The Marcia Baxter Social Justice Award: *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.*

- 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.
- How might the nominee define a community in which justice and equity are fully realized? How has this definition informed her work?
- 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?
- 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?
- 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)?
- Describe the impact and scope of the nominee's social justice work in Androscoggin County or the greater State of Maine.

Using the prompts on the previous page please tell us more about your nominee(6,500 characters or less)



Statement of Nondiscrimination: The Women of Achievement Awards are open to all women including cisgender and transgender women. YWCA Central Maine recognizes womanhood in all forms and does not discriminate based on gender assignment at birth. YWCA Central Maine ensures the Women of Achievement Award recipients reflect the full diversity of the Lewiston-Auburn community. YWCA Central Maine encourages community members to nominate women leaders who are diverse in race, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, occupation, and field of expertise. Please help us achieve this goal by providing the information below:

Nominee's Demographic Information:

Age:

Profession:

Employer:

Racial or ethnic group (mark all that apply):

Native American, First Nations, American Indian, Alaska Native

Asian

Middle East and North African Heritage

Black, African American, African Descent

Latina/x or Hispanic

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

White

Multiracial

Other

Nominator's Information:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Phone: