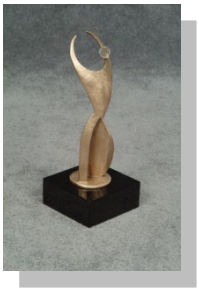
ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARD

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS



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 8500 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 GRCA has awarded the ATHENA to 42 distinguished women in the Berks community since 1993.

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.
- Previous ATHENA Leadership Award Recipients are not eligible for nomination, however past nominees may be nominated again.
- There is no minimum or maximum age qualification that must be met by ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees.

COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM

- You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination.
- Nominations for the ATHENA Leadership Award must be submitted using this nomination form and format.
- You may include supporting documents (articles, testimonials, videos etc) with your completed nomination form.
- Members of the Selection Committee are not permitted to nominate.
- **Deadline for submission: Friday, January 15, 2027.**

THE PROCESS

A Selection Committee, made up of a diverse group of community leaders, will review all nominations and select the ATHENA Leadership Award Recipient. The recipient will be announced at Women2Women Annual Conference + Expo in March 2027 during the afternoon.

QUESTIONS

Contact: Jackie Stiles, Director – Women2Women, at 610.898.7785 or jstiles@greaterreading.org

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO

Jackie Stiles at jstiles@greaterreading.org by **Friday, January 15, 2027.**

ATHENA Leadership Award Nomination Form

Date _____

NOMINEE (For the Award)

Name _____

Home Address _____

City_____State/Province_____Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____Email_____

Company/Organization_____

Title/Position _____

Business Address _____

City_____State/Province_____Zip/Postal Code _____

Work Phone_____ Business Email__ _____

NOMINATOR (Person Nominating)

Name _____

Company/Organization _____

Business Address_____

City_____State/Province_____Zip/Postal Code_____

Phone_____Email_____

I. PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession.

II. 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.

III. 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.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA:

Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. Include awards, honors, publications, articles and/or testimonials that demonstrate service to their profession, community, and, most importantly, aspiring and established women leaders.