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YWCA Bethlehem Women and Teens of the Year Nomination Criterion

YWCA Bethlehem is now accepting nominations for Women of the Year, Golden Laurel and Teen Scholarships for our 47th Annual Women and Teens of the Year Awards Ceremony planned for Spring 2022. If you know an outstanding woman or teen, we invite you to nominate her today! We are excited to announce that awards are now open to women who serve the Bethlehem or Allentown community and to high school seniors in the Bethlehem Area and Allentown School Districts. Please read all criteria carefully. Nominations that do not meet all of the criteria outlined below will not be considered. Questions 610-867-4669, ext. 103.

Women of the Year or Golden Laurel Award - Submission Deadline is November 15, 2021

The **Women of the Year Award** honors Lehigh Valley women whose outstanding service and contributions benefit the Bethlehem or Allentown community as a:

- Volunteer
- Fundraiser or leader of a special project or event
- Community Activist
- Advocate on behalf of others
- Please complete the nomination form by clicking here [WOY/GL Nomination Form](#)

The **Golden Laurel Award** honors Lehigh Valley women whose outstanding service and contributions benefit the Bethlehem or Allentown community as a:

- A philanthropist who donates substantial time, money and/or reputation to charitable causes and holds a deep concern for human welfare and advancement
- Volunteer
- Fundraiser or leader of a special project or event
- Community Activist
- Advocate on behalf of others
- Please complete the nomination form by clicking here [WOY/GL Nomination Form](#)

Please Note: The Women of the Year or Golden Laurel Award do not recognize excellence in a paid/compensated position that is focused on community service, advocacy, fundraising or leading a community project. Self-nominations are not accepted and letters of support may not be written by a direct supervisor.

Teen Scholarship Opportunities - Submission Deadline is December 1, 2021.

YWCA Bethlehem is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to underserved young women in the Bethlehem and Allentown communities.

YWCA Educational Empowerment Awards

Educational Empowerment Awards include a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to be used at an institution of higher learning.

Educational Empowerment scholarship recipients are selected based on their:

- Financial need
- Academic achievement
- Extra-curricular activities and/or volunteerism

Additional consideration given to racially and ethnically diverse candidates, and first-generation college students.

Nomination Criteria

- The nominee must identify as female, and reside within the geographic borders of the Bethlehem Area School District or Allentown School District.
- The nominee must be a high school senior in good academic standing, attending a Bethlehem area or Allentown public, charter, or private school.
- Nominations must be provided by school personnel, a volunteer supervisor, employer, clergy, etc. Self-nominations are not accepted.
- Please complete the nomination form by clicking here **EEA Nomination Form**
- Nominations must be received by December 1, 2021.
- Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

Scholarship recipients are recognized and honored during our Annual Women & Teens Celebration.

YWCA A Path Forward Award

The **Path Forward Award** includes a \$1,000 scholarship, each year for two (2) consecutive years, to be used toward an associate's degree at Northampton Community College or Lehigh Carbon Community College. At least a 3.0 college GPA must be maintained each year.

The Path Forward scholarship recipients are selected based on their:

- Financial need
- Academic achievement
- Extra-curricular activities and/or volunteerism

Additional consideration given to racially and ethnically diverse candidates, and first-generation college students.

Application Criteria

- The applicant must identify as female, and reside within the geographic borders of the Bethlehem Area School District or Allentown School District.
- The applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing, attending a Bethlehem area or Allentown public, charter, or private school.
- The applicant must be planning to earn an associate's degree at Northampton Community College or Lehigh Carbon Community College.
- Self-nominations are accepted, and must be accompanied by an official high school transcript and at least one letter of support from school personnel, a volunteer supervisor, employer, clergy, etc.
- Nominations may also be provided by school personnel, a volunteer supervisor, employer, clergy, etc.
- Please complete the scholarship application form by clicking here **APF Nomination Form**
- Completed applications must be received by December 1, 2021.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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YWCA Teen Mission Award

The **YWCA Mission Award** honors a racially and/or ethnically diverse high school senior who is committed to advancing YWCA's Mission of eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all, and hope to use their college experience to positively impact the world around them. The Mission Award includes a \$1,000 scholarship, each year for four (4) consecutive years, to be used at an institution of higher learning. At least a 3.0 college GPA and mentoring relationship must be maintained each year.

Mission Award scholarship recipients are selected based on their commitment to advancing the YWCA's Mission, as well as the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Extra-curricular involvement at school
- Volunteerism in the community
- Financial need

Nomination Criteria

- The nominee must identify as female and be racially and/or ethnically diverse, residing within the geographic borders of the Bethlehem Area School District or Allentown School District.
- The nominee must be a high school senior in good academic standing, attending a Bethlehem area or Allentown public, charter, or private school.
- Self-nominations must be accompanied by an official high school transcript and at least one letter of support.
- Please complete the scholarship application form by clicking here [TMA Nomination Form](#)
- Nominations may also be provided by school personnel, a volunteer supervisor, employer, clergy, etc.
- Completed applications must be received by December 1, 2021.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Scholarship recipients are recognized and honored during our Annual Women & Teens Celebration.