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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 46th Annual Women and Teens of the Year Awards Ceremony planned for Spring 2021. If you know an outstanding woman or teen, we invite you to nominate her today! We are excited to announce the addition of two new teen scholarships for 2021. 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.

**Submission Deadline is December 1, 2020.**

### **Women of the Year or Golden Laurel Award**

The **Women of the Year Award** honors Lehigh Valley women whose outstanding service and contributions benefit the Bethlehem 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 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

YWCA Bethlehem is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to underserved young women in the Bethlehem community.

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### **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.
- The nominee must be a high school senior in good academic standing, attending a Bethlehem area 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, 2020.
- Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

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

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## YWCA A Path Forward Award

The **Path Forward Award** includes a \$1,000 scholarship, each year for two consecutive years, to be used toward an associate's degree at Northampton 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.
- The applicant must be a high school senior in good academic standing, attending a Bethlehem area public, charter, or private school.
- The applicant must be planning to earn an associate's degree at Northampton 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, 2020.
- 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 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.
- The nominee must be a high school senior in good academic standing, attending a Bethlehem area public, charter, or private school.
- Self-nominations must be accompanied by an official high school transcript and at least one letter of support.
- Nominations may also be provided by school personnel, a volunteer supervisor, employer, clergy, etc.
- Please complete the scholarship application form by clicking here **TMA Nomination Form**
- Completed applications must be received by December 1, 2020.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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