



Bow Valley Women of Distinction Awards Nomination Form & Guidelines

Nominate an outstanding woman in our community who has made a lasting difference in the lives of women and girls in the Bow Valley and beyond.

The nominee has through her own initiative, ability and effort demonstrated exemplary achievement in her professional or personal life. She is a role model, a leader, and an inspiration to others. She directs her energies to the well-being of people in her life and her community.

She responds to individual and societal needs with dedication, compassion and courage. She is helping to build a strong community by being an advocate and a change-maker.

She has made substantial contributions to the social fabric of communities here and beyond in unique ways. The contributions she makes provide significant and lasting benefit to the lives of women and girls.

Whether trailblazer in her field or young woman on the rise, she is a pathfinder, bringing forth the key issues facing women and girls today. Through her commitment to social change, she will leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Nominator Eligibility

All of the following individuals are eligible to nominate candidates for the awards:

A resident of the Bow Valley area – including the communities of Banff, Canmore, Lake Louise, Exshaw, Kananaskis and Morley

* Bow Valley Women of Distinction Awards selection committee is not eligible to submit nominations.

We welcome and encourage inclusive and diverse nominations with respect to nominees' age, nationality, career path, and residence within the Bow Valley area.

Multiple nominations from the same nominator are allowed.

Nominee Eligibility

Nominate a woman who fulfills this criteria:

1. Woman 18+ years old.
2. A resident of the Bow Valley area – including the communities of Banff, Canmore, Lake Louise, Exshaw, Kananaskis and Morley.
3. Has made a significant contribution to women and girls in the Bow Valley and beyond.
4. Demonstrates a commitment to improving the lives of people around her, making a real difference in the community.
5. Previous award recipients; current YWCA Banff employees and Board members; and current Bow Valley Women of Distinction selection committee members are ineligible to be nominated.
6. Key considerations for the selection committee include legacy; community impact; diversity; engagement; and leadership.

Selection Process

The selection committee is comprised of YWCA Board members and employees, Women of Distinction alumnae and community members. The committee will review all submissions against nomination criteria and guidelines. The committee may contact nominators to confirm information or ask follow up questions.

Three award recipients will be selected and announced in April 2019. Award recipients are expected to participate in pre-event media and promotion of the awards, and the award ceremony at The Banff Centre's Rolston Recital Hall on May 9, 2019 (open to the public).

Nomination Form

Your information (please complete):

First & Last Name

Address

Town

Postal Code

Phone

Email

Would you like your nomination to be included for next year's consideration if your nominee is not chosen this year?

Yes No

Who are you nominating? (please complete):

First & Last Name

Town

Phone

Email

To be completed by the Nominator: (between 1 and 4 pages):

1. Describe three characteristics of the nominee that make her an ideal candidate for the Woman of Distinction Award.
2. How is the nominee, through her personal or professional accomplishments, an inspiration to you?
3. How does the nominee demonstrate a commitment to serving the community?

4. Share one or two examples of key projects/initiatives the nominee has been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to serving the community.
5. How has the nominee's community engagement and leadership had a lasting impact on the lives of women and girls?

Optional: nominators may include a one-page letter of introduction and a maximum of two additional letters of support.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the nomination form, or if you require support making your submission.

Please Note: the selection committee relies upon the nominators to provide a clear, detailed submission to help them get to know the outstanding qualities of the nominee. The selection committee may contact you with follow up questions if the need arises.

Nomination Submission & Deadline:

Please submit your nomination to Carla Snow

carla@ywcabanff.ca at YWCA Banff via email or in person by

Friday March 29, 2019 at 5pm MST.

For any questions or support, please contact Carla at carla@ywcabanff.ca / 403-760-3212