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Awards Gala

Feb 7, 2024

Vancouver Island Conference Centre

"When we influence as a collective, we win"

The WIN Awards is an inclusive platform geared to support and celebrate the power of being influential. Women, non-binary, 2-spirit, and gender-diverse people all over Nanaimo are impacting the world in positive and revolutionary ways. They are mothers, parents, leaders, entrepreneurs, business owners, creators, STEM pioneers, activists, artists, tradespeople, philanthropists, and so much more. Our goal is to normalize the perception of people in these roles by championing what they do, who they are, and their character rather than the gender they identify with. Inclusion lies in the contrast between a sense of belonging and the pressure for people to "fit in" to groups, communities, or cultures.

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Women of Influence Nanaimo (WIN) Awards

The Women of Influence Nanaimo (WIN) Awards recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of women, non-binary, 2-spirit, and gender-diverse role models. The awards salute the unique achievements of diverse people representing various spheres, careers, and initiatives that help the advancement of women and the fabric of our community. Each recipient has left their mark on this world: contributing to the greater good through their efforts, resourcefulness, example, and advocacy; breaking barriers; blazing new trails; or using their influence to provoke change. Winners will be announced at the WIN Awards Gala February 7, 2024.

WIN Awards Nomination

Please fill out this form to nominate for an award. (We recommend using Word or a similar program to answer the questions and save your work. Then copy and paste answers into the spaces below.) NOTE: If this form is a barrier for you, please contact us at woinanaimo@gmail.com and our team will work with you to find an accessible solution to apply.

Choose the Award - Only one category per person (if someone is nominated by multiple people in various categories, the nominee will have the choice for which category their nomination stands)

Business Impact

Creative Innovator

Arts & Culture

Breathe Fire

Community & Social Responsibility

Fan the Flame (open to everyone - Men, Women, Non-binary, 2-spirit, and gender diverse people)

Trades

STEM

Matriarch

Health & Wellness

Youth Resiliency ages 16-25 (open to everyone - Young men and women, Non-binary, 2-spirit, and gender diverse people)

Nominee's Name (If self-nominating, fill out your name)

First Name

Last Name

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Nominee's Phone Number

Area Code

Phone Number

Nominee's E-mail Address

example@example.com

Nominee's City/Town of Residence

Nominee must live in the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) - Nanaimo, Lantzville, Parksville, or Qualicum Beach including Gabriola or Ladysmith.

NOTE:

Everything shared in the submission package will remain confidential within the WIN Selection Committee. All nominees will be given the opportunity to accept or reject their nomination. All questions need to be answered to be eligible for consideration. Make sure answers relate to the award category chosen.

1) Who They Are: Explain how the nominee's character, heart, and soul radiates authenticity and compassion and how these qualities ripple through their profession, passions, community, or life. Detail how their influence is deeply rooted in their unwavering dedication to making a positive impact, whether through lived experiences, innovative professional achievements, selfless community contributions, or the inspiring way they navigate through life. Show us who they are at the core and how their story embodies the true essence of influence as they inspire and uplift those around them, serving as a shining example of the transformative power of a life lived with purpose and heart. (500 Words Max)

Tips for this answer: Describe a particular moment where the nominee's character, values, and heart made an impact or resonated with you. What happened? How did it make you or someone else feel? We want to hear the story of who this person is on a deeper level. We encourage you to be descriptive in your answers and provide examples and details that support the question. (If self-nominating, share a story of how your character shone through and the takeaway someone had from an encounter with you. Paint the picture of your heart, soul, and who you are in your daily life.)

2) The Hurdle: The WIN Network takes on the Kintsugi approach. It is the Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold — built on the idea that in embracing flaws and imperfections, you can create an even stronger, more beautiful piece of art. Every break is unique and instead of repairing an item like new, the 400-year-old technique actually highlights the challenges as a part of the design. By unmasking ourselves we live an authentic life while inspiring others to turn our pains into pearls. Detail a hurdle or challenge the nominee has tackled and overcame. The obstacles, resistance, and wisdom from those experiences are the gold that fills the cracks of our lives. (500 Words Max)

Make sure to explain how this situation directly pertains to the category for which you are applying for. What challenges, issues, or limitations did the nominee face? What made them want to get gritty and tackle the obstacle? If you are self-nominating, describe the nature of the challenge, the actions you took to address it, and the positive outcomes or impact that resulted from your efforts. Did you learn anything about yourself? This is about highlighting the power of the human spirit.

3) The How & Why: Give an example of how the personal drive of the nominee has motivated them to become an inspiration in their community. Please share the "how" and the "why" their influence is felt by their efforts to uplift those around them. How do these values and their grit shape their actions and contributions to their community? (500 Words Max)

How has the nominee used their position, platform, and/outreach to positively and meaningfully influence their community and beyond? If you are self-nominating, share more details about yourself—what drives you? Why is community important to you? Connect these aspects as it relates to the category being considered for.

4) The Impact: Demonstrate where the nominee has broken down barriers, provoked change, made an impact, or inspired their community. Please provide examples of how they have actively fostered a supportive and inclusive culture and cultivated influence in their field or award category. What's their legacy? (500 Words Max)

Explain why the nominee deserves the selected award by detailing where the influence is felt. Provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrated impact. E.g. initiative, leadership, teamwork, creativity or innovation, etc. If you are self-nominating, explain how your influence impacts the sphere of your selected category and where you see your legacy going. Provide specifics and detailed examples along with any data or statistics that support the outcome.

Your Name (if self-nominating, enter your name)

First Name

Last Name

Your E-mail Address

example@example.com

Your Phone Number

Area Code

Phone Number

Do you consent to having the nominee know you are the nominator?

If you select (NO) Your name will remain anonymous.

The intention of this nomination form is to dig below the surface and expand the lens on how we view being influential. The WIN Network understands by posing thought-provoking questions and asking for deeper answers, various emotions can bubble up. To help navigate those feelings, we have posted some links to resources that might help. To access these resources click below.

Dealing with Emotions
Self Regulation Strategies

Nomination Deadline is November 15, 2023

Nominations are from Oct 1 - Nov 15. Submissions will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Nov 15, 2023