



**The Event Of The Year
Is Back**

W O M E N O F I N F L U E N C E N A N A I M O

2nd Annual

Awards Gala

Feb 5, 2025

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 the region 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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NOTE: It's suggested to open with Adobe Reader but not required



Women of Influence Nanaimo 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. All nominees will be honoured at the gala and the 11 Winners will be announced live at the WIN Awards Gala February 5, 2025 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

In our commitment to honouring and celebrating every nominee equally, the Women of Influence Nanaimo Awards has a directive of no finalists. Because of the capacity limitations with our selection committee, Barbara Anne Photography, and our venue, we can accept a maximum of 150 nominations.

The nomination period will run from October 1st to October 31st, or until we reach 150 submissions, whichever comes first. This measure is in place to protect the integrity of the awards and to ensure we can provide a platform to genuinely celebrate the influential individuals in our region. Thank you for your understanding and support.

- **Self-Nominations ARE Encouraged! It's safe to celebrate ourselves**

WIN Awards Nomination Form

Please fill out this entire form to nominate for an award. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. (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. Eligibility: people who live in the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) - Nanaimo, Lantzville, Parksville, and Qualicum Beach as well as the areas of Gabriola and Ladysmith.

(Only one category per person) If a nominee is nominated in several categories by various people, they will be given the choice to pick which category they wish their nomination to stand. **Previous winners are not eligible to be nominated but any nominee who hasn't won, can be re-nominated for the 2025 Awards.**

WIN Award Category Descriptions
2024 Winners

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.

These questions are designed to pull back the curtain of one's life. If you are finding the questions challenging, ask the person you are nominating or people in their circle for details.

Select one category that best suits the nominee *

- Breathe Fire
- Business Impact
- Health & Wellness
- Trades
- STEM
- Creative Innovator
- Matriarch (55+)
- Fan The Flame (Ally) (Open to Everyone: men, women, non-binary, 2-spirit, & non-binary)
- Arts & Culture
- Youth Resiliency (16-30)
- Community & Social Responsibility

Nominee's Name (if self-nominating, enter your name in both sections) *

First Name Last Name

Nominee's Phone Number

Area Code Phone Number

Nominee's E-mail Address *

example@example.com

City they live in *

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Your Name *

First Name Last Name

Your E-mail Address *

example@example.com

Your Phone Number *

Area Code

Phone Number

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. 300 Word Max *

Prompt: 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.)

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2) The Hurdle: The WIN Awards 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. 300 Word Max *

Prompt: 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? It's about highlighting the power of the human spirit.

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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. 300 Word Max *

Prompt: 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.

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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? 300 Word Max *

Prompt: 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.

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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 Skills

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

If you select NO, your name will remain Anonymous

Submit Form to woinanaimo@gmail.com