



NOMINATION FORM

Empowered is an event to pay tribute and celebrate the accomplishments of extraordinary women in the Greater Helena Area. As the premier event celebrating women and the work they do to help create better communities, we are proud to present “Empowered” to our community.

This year, we are excited to add additional categories to the slate of awards given to women who embody YWCA Helena’s mission of eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. By nominating a community leader you are joining YWCA Helena as a partner in our mission.

Maria Dean Woman of the Year Award

The Maria Dean Award of Excellence awards a woman who exemplifies a commitment to the Helena community, provides leadership and mentorship to help advance the welfare of women and children, and lifts the voices of others in her efforts to eliminate racism and empower women.

Innovator

The Innovator award is given to women who are utilizing their sector and profession to innovate and create change. This nominee has a demonstrated professional commitment to the advancement of women and gender equity.

She Speaks Power

The woman who is awarded the “She Speaks Power” award will embody the mission of YWCA Helena. Their advocacy and analysis will be centered around social and racial justice, their voice will amplify the voices of those seeking and needing justice, and their efforts will seek to create systems change.

Pathmaker

The Pathmaker Award pays tribute to a woman who has broken boundaries, shattered glass ceilings, and made paths for other women. She is a mentor to those in her sector and community and in doing so, she has created a path for others to dare greatly in their own path-making legacy.

Woman of the Future

Woman of the Future celebrates the accomplishments of women younger than 30 who are demonstrating dedication by creating, participating, or adapting innovative programs to meet the community’s needs.

Eligibility

All outstanding women and girls in the Greater Helena Area are eligible for nomination. The following are ineligible for recognition at this event:

- YWCA Helena staff and current members of YWCA Helena's Board of Directors.
- Posthumous nominations will not be considered.
- Individuals running for political office.

How to Nominate

The questions in this document are intended to be a guideline for nomination. Additional materials may be requested by the selection committee after the initial nomination has been reviewed. Send nominations to YWCA Helena, 501 N Park Ave, Helena, MT 59601 or email to nancy@ywcahelena.org.

Nomination deadline is Friday, March 22, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Nominations received after this deadline will not be accepted.

NOMINATOR (YOUR) INFORMATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- This nomination is for the **Maria Dean Woman of the Year Award**
- This nomination is for the **Innovator Award**
- This nomination is for the **She Speaks Power Award**
- This nomination is for the **Pathmaker Award**
- This nomination is for the **Woman of the Future Award**

Nominees will be evaluated based on the information submitted. Additional information to support the nomination may be submitted. Letters of support will be accepted.

- I agree that YWCA Helena can mention my name when contacting this nominee.**

1. Describe what makes this person outstanding. (Please provide specific examples.)

communication – creativity – leadership – organization – problem solving – examples of promoting YWCA’s mission of eliminating racism and empowering women – disrupting – mentorship – other

2. Describe specific achievements this person may have accomplished through any of the following:

volunteer activities – personal experiences – paid employment

3. Describe how this person is a role model, mentor, and/or leader for others

4. Describe how this person has impacted the lives of citizens of this community. Please provide specific examples.

5. Describe how this person works to empower women and eliminate racism.

6. Is there any additional information you'd like to add?