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The ATHENA Leadership Award celebrates exemplary leadership and is reflective of a quote by Plato: *What is honored in a country will be cultivated there*. Over 8,000 Recipients have been honored with the ATHENA Leadership Award since the program's inception in 1982.

Presented to leaders across professional sectors, the ATHENA Leadership Award's rich history, international scope and focus on mentorship distinguish it as one of the most prestigious leadership awards one can receive.

The ATHENA Leadership Award is presented to an individual who is honored for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

### **THE CRITERIA**

ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees must meet each of the following three criteria:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession
- Provide valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community
- Actively assist women in achieving their full leadership potential

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees may represent either the profit or not-for-profit sector.
- Previous ATHENA Leadership Award Recipients are not eligible for nomination, however past nominees may be nominated again.
- There is no minimum or maximum age qualification that must be met by ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees.
- The nominees should possess a large/ comprehensive body of work
- Nominees must be able to attend the ATHENA Leadership Award Dinner on July 14, 2022, as well as consent being interviewed and filmed for the video used at the Award Dinner.

### **COMPLETING THE FORM**

- You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination.
- Nominations for the ATHENA Leadership Award must be submitted using the online nomination form. [www.IWIL.biz/athena-award](http://www.IWIL.biz/athena-award)
- You may attach supporting documents (articles, testimonials, etc.) with your completed nomination form.

### **THE PROCESS**

A Selection Committee, made up of a diverse group of community leaders, will review all nominations and select the ATHENA Leadership Award Recipient. The Recipient will be announced at the ATHENA Leadership Award Dinner, July 14, 2022 at Erin's Pavilion.

### **QUESTIONS**

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- **Deadline for submission: March 1, 2022**