



International Women's Day Gala Dinner · 2027

Call for Nominations

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Each year, AWOW honours women whose leadership, service and courage have strengthened our communities. Nominations are invited for the **Distinguished Service Award** in honour of International Women's Day, to be presented at the AWOW Gala Dinner in March 2027.

Eligibility & Criteria

To be considered for the award, a nominee must:

- ◆ Be of Asian heritage (born in, or able to trace her origin to, any part of Asia)
- ◆ Have achieved a significant level of education and experience in her professional field
- ◆ Serve as a role model with proven leadership
- ◆ Be a true bridgebuilder, advancing the cause of women in the workplace and the community
- ◆ Have an exemplary record of volunteer service meeting the needs of Manitoba's diverse society
- ◆ **Agree to the nomination**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

December 31, 2026

by 11:59 PM (Central Time)

A COMPLETE NOMINATION INCLUDES

- 1 This nomination form**, fully completed and signed
- 2 The nominee's resume or CV** (biography)
- 3 A nomination letter** explaining why she should be recognized

SEND ALL DOCUMENTS TO

Advisory@asianwomenofwinnipeg.com

This is the only official channel for nominations.

◆ Honouring Indigenous Women · *Truth and Reconciliation*

As our tribute on the journey of Truth and Reconciliation, the AWOW Board **decided** in 2023 that every fifth year, our Distinguished Service Award will be dedicated to honoring Indigenous women **in solidarity**. Following our first recipients in 2024, the next recognition cycle will take place in **2029**, with nominations opening in **2028**.

Fairness & Process

Independent review.

Nominations are assessed by AWOW's independent Advisory Board & Awards Committee. The President and executive do not vote on awardees

Official channel only.

Materials sent by text, social media or private message to board members are informal inquiries, not submissions.

Firm deadline.

Nominations are welcome year-round. Those received on or after January 1 roll over to the following year's cycle. No exceptions.

01 Nominee Information

The woman you are nominating. Please print clearly or complete digitally.

FULL LEGAL NAME

NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON THE AWARD

PRONUNCIATION (IF HELPFUL)

CURRENT TITLE / OCCUPATION

ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY & PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

PHONE

EMAIL

☐ The nominee has agreed to this nomination (required; see her signature on page 4)

02 Nominator Information

The person or organization submitting this nomination.

FULL NAME

ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE

YEARS KNOWN

PHONE

EMAIL

03 Area of Contribution

Select the area(s) that best describe the nominee's contribution.

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| ☐ Community & voluntary service | ☐ Leadership & public service | ☐ Business & entrepreneurship |
| ☐ Professional achievement | ☐ Arts, culture & heritage | ☐ Education & mentorship |
| ☐ Health & wellness | ☐ Advocacy & social justice | ☐ Youth & intergenerational work |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | |

04 Summary of Contributions

In 150 words or fewer, summarize why this nominee should be recognized. If she is selected, this may help shape her citation at the gala.

05 The Nomination Letter

Attach a signed letter (suggested length: up to two pages), addressed to the AWOW Advisory Board & Awards Committee. Specific examples, dates and outcomes carry the most weight. We encourage you to address:

Education & professional experience

Her qualifications and the significance of her achievements in her field.

Bridge-builder for women

How she advances the cause of women in the workplace and the community.

Community impact

Who has benefited from her work, and what has changed because of her.

Role model & proven leadership

Initiatives she has founded, led or grown; how she inspires others.

Volunteer service

Her record of service meeting the needs of Manitoba's diverse society.

Living our values

How she models Mutual Respect, Diversity and Equality.

06 Resume or CV

Attach the nominee's current resume, CV or professional biography. Where possible, please include:

- ◆ Education and professional credentials
- ◆ Career history and key positions
- ◆ Volunteer, board and committee roles
- ◆ Awards, honours and prior recognition
- ◆ Memberships and community affiliations
- ◆ A high-resolution headshot (optional now but will be required if get selected)

07 Submission Checklist

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| ☐ Nomination form completed and signed | ☐ Nominee's resume or CV attached |
| ☐ Signed nomination letter attached | ☐ Contact details for nominator and nominee |
| ☐ Nominee has agreed and signed page 4 | ☐ Sent to Advisory@asianwomenofwinnipeg.com |
| ☐ Sent on or before December 31, 2026 | |

A Continuing Circle of Honour. Each year's awardees are invited to serve on the following year's Awards Committee, seeing first-hand our fair and transparent process, and to present the award, with the AWOW President, at the next Gala. This is an honour, not an obligation: members may send their choices to the Awards Committee Chair in advance, or decline.

08 Declaration & Consent

Nominator. I confirm that the information in this nomination is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I am not submitting it on behalf of, or directly to, the AWOW President or a current Executive Board member.

NOMINATOR SIGNATURE

DATE

Nominee. I agree to be considered for recognition and consent to the Awards Committee reviewing the enclosed materials. If selected, I consent to AWOW using my name, biography and photograph in gala and promotional materials.

☐ *Optional:* If selected, I would be honoured to serve on next year's Awards Committee and to present the award with the AWOW President.

NOMINEE SIGNATURE

DATE

Information collected on this form is used only for the AWOW awards process and related communication. It will not be sold or shared. Nominations are held in confidence by the Advisory Board & Awards Committee.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY *Nomination intake & verification*

DATE RECEIVED

PROCESSED BY

NOMINATION NO.

TIMING & CHANNEL

- ☐ On or before Dec 31
☐ Via official email

DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Form complete
☐ Resume / CV
☐ Nomination letter

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- ☐ Not via President / Exec.
☐ Nominee not on Committee

STATUS ☐ Accepted — current cycle ☐ Deferred — rollover ☐ Incomplete — nominator contacted