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2010 ATHENA Young Professional Award
Nomination Application



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ABOUT ATHENA INTERNATIONAL'S ATHENA AWARD PROGRAM

Since the program's inception in 1982 more than 5000 awards have been presented in over 500 communities in the United States, Canada, China, Russia, the United Arab Emirates and most recently the United Kingdom. By honoring exceptional leaders, the ATHENA Award® Program seeks to inspire others to achieve excellence in their professional and personal lives. To learn more about the ATHENA International program, visit www.athenafoundation.org.

THE ATHENA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

ATHENA International recently announced a new award to honor emerging leaders in our community. The ATHENA Young Professional Award officially launched at the 2007 International ATHENA Leadership Conference and Phoenix was proud to be one of the first cities to present it within their community. These are the "women to watch."

THE ROLE OF THE ATHENA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENT

The mission of the ATHENA Award program is "to become the foremost agent of change by helping individuals and organizations open doors of leadership opportunity to women." That philosophy of leadership has been a call to action for Phoenix recipients, especially after they receive this prestigious honor. Often, they are asked to donate their time, talent, and leadership skills to our community. Examples of involvement might include fulfilling speaking engagements, acting as spokesperson for the ATHENA program, writing guest editorials, being a role model for future leaders, continuing to participate in the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's ATHENA Young Professional Award process, and being involved in other events and programs related to the program.

THE CRITERIA

ATHENA Young Professional Award recipient must meet each of four specific criteria:

- Is between the ages of 21-35;
- Acts as an emerging leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession within the Greater Phoenix area;
- Provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community;
- Clearly serves as a role model for young women personally and professionally.

TIME REQUIREMENTS*

- **Wednesday, August 11th, 2010 — ATHENA Nominee Reception**
- **Week of September 12th, 2010 (*Tentative*) — Selection Panel Interview**
- **Week of September 19th or 26th, 2010 — Full day video shoot at your business location, scheduled with video production company**
- **Thursday, October 28th, 2010 — ATHENA Awards Luncheon & rehearsal (10am - 2pm)**
- **Various requests for interviews from media**

**Nominees must be available for the dates stated above. Inability to participate in these days will result in the nominee being ineligible for this year.*

ATHENA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD - NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

ATHENA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL NOMINATION FORM: *This section, or similar reproduction must accompany the **four-page** nomination detail found on the following page.*

Nominee Name _____
Title or Position _____
Company _____
Business Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Business Phone _____ E-mail _____
Home Zip _____
In 2010, the nominee will be what age? _____
Signature of Nominee _____

Nominator Name of Nominator _____
Company Name _____
Business Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Business Phone _____ E-mail _____
Heard about the ATHENA YP Award through/from _____

COMPLETING THE PACKET

- Nominations for the ATHENA Young Professional Award must be submitted using the following format:
 - Nomination form (exclusive of four-page nomination)
 - Four-page nomination, specific detail as outlined under “Nomination Packet Guidelines”
- **Nomination packets must be typed, double-spaced*, single-sided on 8.5” x 11” paper with a minimum of one-inch margins. Do not bind. *Any “lists” detailed can be single-spaced.**
- Scrapbooks or other separate supporting documents **should not** accompany the form. These materials will not be considered during the selection process.
- The Selection Committee recommends the nominee assist in the preparation of the nomination form to ensure complete and accurate information.
- Please review the nomination form carefully to ensure that comprehensive information is supplied which demonstrates the involvement, achievement and leadership accomplishments of your nominee.
- Although an individual may be nominated more than one year, she may not receive the award more than once. Only one nomination packet will be accepted per nominee. The AYP A recipient is eligible and may be nominated for the ATHENA Award five years after the AYP A recognition.
- The official nomination packet and a personal interview will be the only information used during the selection process. Information submitted may be verified.
- All nominees are required to sign the nomination form.

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NOMINATION PACKET GUIDELINES: *Please attach the following information to your nomination form*

BEING A ROLE MODEL FOR WOMEN *(no more than one page):*

Provide specific examples of how the nominee serves as a role model for young women personally and/or professionally.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP *(no more than one page):*

Provide specific examples of how the nominee acts as an emerging leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession within the Greater Phoenix area.

COMMUNITY SERVICE *(no more than one page):*

Provide specific examples of how the nominee provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA *(no more than one page):*

Discuss briefly any additional factors you feel are important for consideration of your nominee for the ATHENA Young Professional Award or include any letters of recommendation. List any other positions held in civic and service organizations, charitable activities, political pursuits, religious groups, chambers of commerce, merchants' associations, etc. on a local, state or national level.

THE PROCESS

A committee of past award recipients and prominent community leaders will review all nominations and select the finalists based on the nomination packet. All nominees will be highlighted at a private ATHENA Nominee Reception in August. The three finalists for the ATHENA Young Professional Award will also be announced at the Reception.

The ATHENA Young Professional Award (AYPA) recipient is selected after a panel interview with the committee. All finalists will be highlighted when the AYPA recipient is announced at the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's 23rd Annual **ATHENA Award Luncheon: Honoring Women in Business on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort.**

NOMINATION PACKETS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010

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