



Women of Achievement, Inc. was founded in 1984 by a group of women dedicated to honoring the extraordinary women who have made Memphis and Shelby County better through their lives and accomplishments. The coalition of diverse civic and professional groups and support agencies organizes events to recognize and celebrate these women.

Now our vision remains the same – to educate the community about the important achievements of women, to celebrate those accomplishments, and to inspire other women and girls to take risks and boldly achieve for themselves and for the community.

Awards Banquet and More

Women of Achievement holds an annual awards event in March, National Women’s History Month. Seven awards, based on the quality of character that underlies achievement, highlight contributions of women who improve our community and the advancement of women. Awards are given without requirements on education or income and are not limited to professional categories. See a complete list of honorees at www.womenofachievement.org.

WA also hosts annual public forums. Panelists discuss ways women have tackled issues and concerns throughout local history, spotlighting how women have broken barriers to become leaders in business, government, law, the arts and community and civic service.

We Need You

It’s easy to be a part of Women of Achievement

Nominate a woman you believe should be honored. See details on the back cover of this nomination form.

Become a member: Individual members pay \$30, with a sliding scale to \$10. Member organizations cut across all lines in the community and are represented on the Women of Achievement board of directors. These organizations pay \$50 a year.

Be a donor: Help defray the cost of the awards event. Sponsors (\$1,000 and up), Sustainers (\$500 to \$900), Donors (\$100 to \$499) help us keep the ticket cost low each year.

To donate or join Women of Achievement, send a check to WA at P.O. Box 820353, Memphis, TN 38182-0353. You can also contact us at womenachievement@aol.com.

In addition, Men Honoring Women of Achievement accepts donations of \$50 or higher each year.

Participating Organizations have included:

Africa in April	Memphis Women’s Political Caucus
American Association of University Women	Memphis Public Library and Information Center
Association of Women Attorney	National Council of Jewish Women
Coalition of 100 Black Women	National Council of Negro Women
Church Women United	National Organization for Women
Downtown Productions, Inc	Network of Memphis
Girl Scouts Council of the Mid-South	Public Issues Forum
Girls Incorporated of Memphis	Shelby County Democratic Women
Hadassah	The Links, Incorporated – Memphis Chapter
League of Women Voters	Unitarian Universalist Women’s Alliance
Memphis Area Women’s Council	University of Memphis Center For Research on Women
Memphis Center for Independent Living	Women of Reformed Judaism, Temple Israel Sisterhood
Memphis Center for Reproductive Health	Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis
Memphis Child Advocacy Center	Women’s News of the Mid-South
Memphis Education Association	YWCA of Greater Memphis



Nomination Form --- Awards given March 3, 2013

Award Categories

COURAGE	For a woman who, facing active opposition backed an unpopular cause in which she deeply believed
DETERMINATION	For a woman who solved a glaring problem, despite widespread inertia, apathy or ignorance around her
HERITAGE	For a woman of generations past whose achievements enrich our lives
HEROISM	For a woman whose heroic spirit was tested and shown as a model to all in Shelby County and beyond
INITIATIVE	For a woman who seized the opportunity to use her talents and created her own future
STEADFASTNESS	For a lifetime of achievement
VISION	For a woman whose sensitivity to women's needs led her to tremendous achievements for women

Nomination Guidelines

In a 300-word summary tell us your nominee's story and specifically how it relates to your chosen award category.

You **MUST** submit documents or articles about your nominee's achievements pertinent to the nomination. Please attach no more than six documents. Items will not be returned. No videos, audio tapes or notebooks, please.

You may nominate more than one person in any or all categories, but you must submit separate forms for each nominee. This form may be duplicated. Nominees for Courage, Initiative, Steadfastness, Determination and Vision must be current resident of Shelby County. Heritage nominees must have been residents of Memphis or Shelby County.

No residence restrictions apply in the Heroism category.

All nominations must be postmarked by Nov. 1, 2012

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Nomination Information

Category _____

Nominee _____ Submitted by _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, ST _____ Zip _____ City, ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Telephone _____

Additional contacts to verify my nominee's accomplishments/impact on the community

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, ST _____ Zip _____ City, ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Telephone _____

If renominating, please attached updated material and contact information. This form may be duplicated. Nominations may be submitted by mail, fax or email.