



**Central Vermont
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The First Annual Vermont ATHENA Leadership Award®

The ATHENA Leadership Award® was inspired by the goddess of Greek mythology known for her strength, courage, wisdom and enlightenment—qualities embodied in the ATHENA Model. The Award is unique in both scope—local, national and international—and the ATHENA mission upon which it is based. The ATHENA Leadership Award® is a nationwide program designed to honor those who are mentoring women in business and helping them strive to attain their highest level of accomplishment and leadership.

Call for Nominations

The ATHENA Leadership Award® is a very prestigious recognition presented to a person who provides significant mentoring and direction to women professionals. This award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, devote time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and forge paths of leadership for women to follow.

In order to receive the ATHENA Leadership Award®, the nominee must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession
- Provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in their community
- Actively assists others, particularly women, in realizing their full leadership potential

The Process

ATHENA Leadership Award® nominees must work in Vermont. Prior recipients are not eligible.

A panel of prominent business leaders from across Vermont will review all nomination forms and select three ATHENA Leadership Award® finalists. All ATHENA nominees will be recognized at the ATHENA Award® Gala on Saturday, November 2nd, 5:30 p.m. at Capital Plaza, Montpelier, Vermont and the 2019 Vermont ATHENA Leadership Award® recipient will be announced. An evening of dinner and dancing will honor the recipient and the ATHENA Model. The recipient must be present to accept their award.

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce by 5 p.m. on September 1, 2019.

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COMPLETING THE FORM

- Nominations for the ATHENA Leadership Award® must be submitted using this nomination form and format
- To access the electronic version of this form, please visit www.centralvt.com
- Additional documentation is limited to one page (e.g. résumé)
- Links to social media will not be accepted
- You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination

Did you verify the nominee is able to attend the ATHENA Award® Gala on November 2nd?

Yes No

RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY 5PM ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 TO:

Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce
Attn: ATHENA
33 Stewart Road
PO Box 336
Barre, VT 05641

Athena@centralvt.com
Fax (802) 229-5713

Questions? Contact Tonya at (802) 229-5711

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

NOMINEE

Name: _____

Preferred Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Title or Position: _____

NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Title or Position: _____

Business Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____





When answering the following, please provide quantitative information regarding how the nominee meets the award criteria.

I. PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP: The nominee shall have a demonstrable history of fostering innovative ideas in an industry or in various industries. They clearly contribute to constant development, initiative and creativity. List and describe the significant contributions the nominee has made to their organization. Address specific contribution areas such as quality of the organization's products and/or services, increased customer and/or employee satisfaction, etc. Include impact on growth or financial growth. Also, list special recognitions, projects and achievements. Include business-related affiliations, directorships, trusteeship or other designations. (limit to 250 words)

II. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP: The nominee must provide valuable service to improve the quality of life for others within their community. Please list local, county and state level participation, length of service and offices held in civic and service organizations, charitable activities, political pursuits, religious groups, chambers of commerce, merchants' associations, etc. (limit to 250 words)



III. PERSONAL LEADERSHIP: Nominees shall encourage growth in others by assisting them to set and achieve goals and advocating for professional and personal achievements. Please provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated support for the advancement and leadership development of business and professional women beyond daily/regular job responsibilities. (limit to 250 words)

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA: Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. List awards, honors received, publications or articles supporting service to their profession, industry or community. (limit to 250 words)