Nomination Categories

In order to empower women, we honor leaders who work, live and/or impact lives in Saline County. A Woman of Achievement has made important contributions through her volunteer and/or professional activities in the categories below. Depth, breadth, and quantity of relevant activity of the nominee will be considered when selecting recipients.

Woman of Achievement in Service to Community:
Recognizes women who make contributions of time within their place of employment or through personal/volunteer efforts to their community and/or country

- History of service that demonstrates a commitment of putting others' needs before their own
- Long-term effect that has enhanced the quality of life for members of the community
- Investing in changing the community through initiatives to provide service that benefits others

Woman of Achievement in Education:
Recognizes women who are public or private sector educators, trainers or administrators who demonstrate an ability to engage and impact their community through their role(s) in education.

- Creates heightened awareness of the value of education from cradle to career and beyond
- Stimulates awareness, conversation and opportunities to be involved with educational partnerships
- Develops innovative programs and or built strong rapport with learners, parents, colleagues or the community at large to foster learning in a broader sense

Woman of Achievement in Arts and/or Culture:
Recognizes women who foster arts and/or culture in significant ways as an artist, volunteer, leader, educator, or patron and have impacted our community through arts and/or cultural pursuits.

- Continually generates awareness of the value of arts and/or culture through vision and leadership
- Inspires growth of new and expanding opportunities in arts and/or culture
- Exhibits long term support and actively pursues goals related to arts and/or culture in our community

Woman of Achievement in the Workplace:
Recognizes women with visionary leadership that benefits industry, profession and/or field.

- Makes specific professional contributions, innovations, inventions, and/or engaged in strategic problem solving
- Receives professional acknowledgement within her industry, and creates and inspires a positive, family friendly work environment
- Actively assists others, particularly women, in realizing their full leadership potential

Woman of Achievement in Personal Growth:
Recognizes women who have enhanced their personal life and/or their ability to help others through their accomplishments.

- Her spirit and contributions lead to positive change within her life and/or community
- Makes substantial, yet unrecognized contributions with pride and persistence without expectation of recognition
- Actions have touched others through her own personal growth and success

Woman of Achievement: Emerging Leader:
Recognizes women who are trailblazers and are making an impact early in their school, career and/or community.

- Curious about the world and stands up for causes that are close to her heart
- Inspires others with her positive attitude and can-do spirit and demonstrates entrepreneurship in breaking new ground or old barriers
- Demonstrates ability to make a difference and to elevate those around her

Lifetime Woman of Achievement:
Recognizes women who have impacted Saline County as defined in one or more of the categories above throughout their lifetime. This category is reserved for women whose legacy is rooted in the mission of the YWCA and whose work has been sustained across decades of commitment.