



WISE Women of Blair County

Women Involved in Scholarship and Empowerment

Dedicated to empowering women and encouraging acceptance and inclusion of all through collaboration, service, and education

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Dear Friend,

WISE Women of Blair County Tribute recognizes and honors Blair County women who have demonstrated excellence and leadership. There are many exceptional women in Blair County who deserve to be recognized. Please nominate one you believe could be a 2025 WISE Women of Blair County Tribute Honoree. You may submit a nominee for more than one category. *(Current Board members are ineligible for these awards.)*

Nominations are also being accepted for our **Lifetime Achievement Award**. This award is presented to a woman who, during her lifetime or the span of her career, has exemplified the mission of WISE Women “to empower women and to encourage acceptance and inclusion of all through collaboration, service and education.”

NOMINATION FORMS can be found at:

- www.wisewomenofblaircounty.org
- WISE Women of Blair County Facebook page
- Email requests to tribute@wisewomenofblaircounty.org

Completed nomination forms may be submitted online, emailed to tribute@wisewomenofblaircounty.org or mailed to P.O. Box 134, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Electronic submissions are preferred.

The deadline for nominations to be **received is 4:00 p.m. on February 13th, 2025.**

The Tribute Dinner will be held **Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at The Casino at Lakemont Park.** Thank you for your consideration of a worthy woman for this honor and your support of WISE Women of Blair County.

We invite you to join our group to assist in our mission. WISE Women of Blair County provides grants to nonprofit organizations whose work advances our mission; provides educational scholarships to women 21 years of age or older who have overcome adversity; and recognizes outstanding area women at the annual Tribute Dinner. Information about becoming a member and membership application is available on our website.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
WISE Women of Blair County

WISE Women of Blair County
P.O. Box 134
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
Email: info@wisewomenofblaircounty.org

**WISE Women of Blair County
2025 Tribute Honoree Nomination Form**

Circle the Category(ies) for which you are nominating this woman.

ARTS & LETTERS **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL** **COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER**
EDUCATION **NON-PROFIT / GOVERNMENT** **RISING STAR**
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Name of Nominee _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____
(This information allows us to notify the nominee.)

Business Name (if affiliated) _____

Position _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please describe, on page 2 of this form, the activities and contributions to the community which make you believe this woman deserves recognition. Give a simple direct description of how the individual meets **the Selection Criteria**. Copies of additional existing material about this person may be attached (e.g., resume, articles) but such information is **not required**.

Name of Nominator _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

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Selection Criteria

NEED – ACTION – INITIATIVE – IMPACT – TIME – CHALLENGE
(See page three for guidelines)

Contributions and Achievements

Please describe the nominee’s significant contributions or outstanding achievements based on the Selection Criteria in the category that you have selected. What specific skills, abilities or accomplishments has the nominee brought to her field or area of interest/passion? Describe their impact on the community.

Contributions to the Lives of Women

What contributions has the nominee made to the lives of women? How does the nominee support other women or encourage women to reach their potential?

Vision and Values

Explain how the nominee’s vision and values in life are consistent with the mission of WISE Women of Blair County.

Please attach any additional comments or information to this form.
(Limit of three [3] additional single-sided pages)
Please mail this form and the information about your nominee to:

WISE Women of Blair County
P. O. Box 134
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

OR email to:

tribute@wisewomenofblaircounty.org

Must be received by Thursday, February 13, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

***WISE Women of Blair County
Tribute Categories***

ARTS & LETTERS	Contributes significantly to the culinary, literary, performing, or visual arts in either a paid OR volunteer capacity.
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL	Provides leadership in business and industry, profit oriented services, OR works in a field requiring specific advanced training or certification (e.g., architect, CPA, engineer, lawyer, medical professional)
COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER	Performs outstanding service to the community by demonstrating distinctive and unique contributions and benefits as a non-paid volunteer.
EDUCATION	Works in a formal education setting and demonstrates exceptional leadership or innovation.
NON-PROFIT/GOVERNMENT	Works in a non-profit organization OR in a governmental/political environment; demonstrates visionary leadership for the betterment of the community.
RISING STAR (Honoree may be no older than 25 years of age as of April 16, 2025)	Provides self-initiated community service that has both significant and positive impact.
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT	Has exemplified, during her lifetime or the span of her career, the mission of WISE Women; and has made creative contributions of outstanding significance to the WISE Women mission by the way she has lived her life.

Selection Criteria Guidelines

NEED	Nominee has contributed service to meet the needs of the community.
ACTION	Nominee has been actively involved.
INITIATIVE	Nominee has demonstrated initiative in accomplishing service to the community.
IMPACT	Nominee has actively produced positive change and influenced others.
TIME	Nominee has given substantial time beyond the call of duty.
CHALLENGE	Nominee has overcome unusual challenges to accomplish tasks.

If you are nominating someone for Lifetime Achievement who has never been an honoree, please also consider nominating them in a category for which they would be eligible.

Please note that the Lifetime Achievement honoree is selected by the Board of Directors of WISE Women of Blair County (not the Selection Committee.) The decision is very much tied to the elements of the WISE Women mission: “Empowering women” and “Encouraging acceptance and inclusion of all.”

WISE Women of Blair County Past Honorees
(YWCA of Altoona Tribute to Women & WISE Women of Blair County Tribute)

ARTS & LETTERS

Margaret Sheridan '92
 Eleanor Maurer '93
 Eleanor Steckman '94
 Ann George '95
 Deborah Anthony '96
 Dorothy J. Mc Gregor '97
 Ann Benzel '98
 Nanette Anslinger '99
 Helen Klausman '00
 Kate Shaffer '01
 Marlene Liszka '02
 Victoria Thompson '03
 Bonnie Saad '04
 Eleanor Hart (Noel) Feeley '05
 Karen Volpe '06
 Michelle McGowan '07
 Clemence Fogel '08
 Renee Staines '09
 Erin Murphy '10
 Barbara Jo Hollander '11
 Rachel DiAndrea '12
 Vi Whiting '13
 Dorothea Nelson '14
 Barbara A. Savino '15
 Dr. Patricia Jabbeh Wesley '16
 Valerie Stratton '17
 Erin M. Kelly '18
 Amy Perchy '19
 Marie Little '20
 Jane Purdy Hite '23
 Kay Stephens '24

EDUCATION

Kathleen O'Rourke '92
 Christine Lusardi Stoner '93
 Sharon Fasensmyer '94
 Jennifer Mikolajczyk '95
 Mary Jo Jubelirer '96
 Jean D. Geist '97
 Angela B. Woodcock '98
 Edith Walker Isacke '99
 Jeanne Hair '00
 Mary Lou Ray '01
 Janette Kelly '02
 Dr. Athleen Stere '03
 Dr. Elizabeth Gensante '04
 Suzanne Ritchey '05
 Dr. Lori Bechtel '06
 Marlana Marasco Miller '07
 KT Huckabee '08
 Kelly Detwiler '09
 Barbara Crago '10
 Joann Marie Lang '11
 Francine Endler '12
 Patricia A. Labriola '13
 Karen Harkless Duffett '14
 Leslie A. Estep '15
 Jody Wallace '16
 Donna Messner '17
 Dr. Mona E. Eckley '18
 Patty Burlingame '19
 Dorey Marsh '20
 Harriett Gaston '23
 Joan (Salvi) Donnelly '24

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Alice Goodfellow '06
 Shamim Rajpar '07
 Gwendolyn M. Pattillo '08
 Kathleen O'Rourke '09
 Theodora (Teddi) Leiden '10
 Zoe Bellamy '11
 Cindy G. Baney '12
 Mary Burgoon '13
 Alice Lawrence '14
 Carol B. Stevens '15
 Patricia M. Gildea '16
 The Honorable Jolene Grubb Kopriva '17
 Fredina Ingold '18
 Annette K. Lehman '19
 Evelyn Madison '20
 Sister Paula DelGrosso '23
 Dee Martin-Spallone '24

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL

Serena J. Stevens '92
 Bonnie Malone '93
 Jeanne Hanlin '94
 Reverend Linda Jaberg '95
 Sylvia Schraff '96
 Jolene Grubb Kopriva '97
 Bobbie Miller '98
 Carolyn Donaldson '99
 Christine Bettwy '00
 Betty James '01
 Carol Logan '02
 Sandra Hitchens '03
 Kelly Goodman '04
 Janet Pennington '05
 Patty Ross '06
 Jackie Atherton Bernard '07
 Mildred Santella '08
 Dr. Kathleen Sweeney '09
 Beverly Green '10
 Dawn McClellan '11
 Autumn L. Temple '12
 Jackie Clouser '13
 Patricia W. Savage '14
 Rev. Peggy J. Bonsell '15
 Diana K. Ingersoll, Esq. '16
 Barbara Kooman '17
 Patricia M. Hoyne, MD '18
 Angela Rowe, DO, MBA '19
 Jen Burgmeier '20
 Stephanie Nycum Doliveira '23
 Pam Root-Baechle '24

NON-PROFIT/ GOVERNMENT

Jacqueline Smith '92
 Deborah Lamborn '93
 Nancy Creighton '94
 Melanie Thompson '95
 Donna Gority '96
 Sandy M. Fry '97
 Mickey Port '98
 Bernice R. Levinson '99
 Janice J. Freehling '00
 JoEllen Steinbrunner '01
 Sister Paula DelGrosso '02
 Georgette Ayers '03
 Elizabeth Doyle '04
 Zoe Bellamy '05
 Rev. Denise Arpino '06
 Romaine Fleming '07
 Jane Sheffield '08
 Diane Meling '09
 Maryanne Burger '10
 Judy Rosser '11
 Robin L. Beck '12
 Christine A. Lysinger '13
 Dawn Morden '14
 Mary Ann Bennis '15
 Maria Brandt '16
 Antoinette "Toni" Bilik-Bennetti '17
 Cathy Griffith '18
 Janet Eldred '19
 Senator Judy Ward '20
 Ilissa Zimmerman '23
 Michelle A. McIntyre '24

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Charlotte B. Morris '92
 Carolyn Routh '93
 Aline Wolf '94
 Reverend Gwendolyn Pattillo '95
 Cindy Psaki '96
 Alice Quay '97
 Alice Goodfellow '98
 Elizabeth Watts Jacobus '99
 Karen Claton '00
 Donna Hilling '01
 Shirley Pechter '02
 Virginia M. Day '03
 Diane Osgood '04
 Helen Christodoulos '05
 Bobbie Foreman '06
 Judith Sue Meisner '07
 Nancy Campbell '08
 Teresa Lang '09
 Nancy Devorris '10
 Sara Helen McCloskey '11
 Rozzie Sky '12
 Sue Whiteford Johnson '13
 Helen Rossi '14
 Sue Griep '15
 Lenora Irwin '16
 Joyce Knowles '17
 Judy Kimberlin '18
 Judy Savine '19
 Donna Malone '20
 Betsy Lehman '23
 Juls Bratton '24

RISING STAR

Jessica Begley '00
 Julie Caraccolio '01
 Meghan Bradley '02
 Julie Arthur '03
 Sarah Kondisko '05
 Bridget Collins '06
 Typhani Janelle Russo '07
 Sarah Averill '09
 Girl Scout Troop 406 '10
 Lindsay M. Wilson '11
 Madeline (Maddie) Letsche '12
 Arianna De Reus '13
 Sarah Donley '14
 Alyssa M. Reed '15
 Caroline L. Showalter '16
 Makenzie Wilkinson '17
 Anna Greene '18
 Kayley Burke '19
 Julia Cacciotti '20
 Alicia Williams '23
 Rylee Marie Bush '24

Previous Rising Star honorees may be nominated for a different category after 10 or more years.

Previous category honorees may be nominated for Lifetime Achievement after 5 or more years.

A previous categorical honoree can't be nominated in another category.