

IOWA WOMEN'S FOUNDATION REACH AWARDS

Recognizing Excellence Always Creating History: the future of Iowa is inherently tied to opening doors of opportunity. Created in 2006, the Iowa Women's Foundation leadership awards recognize exceptional contributions made to advance women and girls throughout the state of Iowa. Our goal is to ensure that all women achieve personal success and maximize their contributions to diversity, economic vitality and quality of life in Iowa communities.

Annual awards will be presented in up to three categories: **emerging leader**, **established leader** and **organization**. Self nominations are accepted. Please submit two letters of support for each nomination.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Submit each nomination by mail to: **Iowa Women's Foundation, 320 Kirkwood Avenue, P.O. Box 3131, Iowa City, IA 52245**; or by email info@iawf.org. Nominations must be received by **Friday, August 27, 2010, 5:00 pm**. To be considered, the nomination form and questions must be completed in full and include two letters of support. Information provided on the nomination form and in the letters of support may be used in IWF print and Web site materials. Personal contact information will be kept confidential.

Nomination finalists will be notified by September 3, 2010. A summary of each finalist nomination will be posted on the IWF Web site. A community panel will select the final recipient in each category.

Awards will be presented at the Iowa Women's Foundation 14th Annual Luncheon on October 1, 2010 at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Convention Center. Make your reservation today at www.iawf.org or by calling 888.488.4293.

ABOUT THE CATEGORIES:

All nominees should demonstrate commitment to the vision of the Iowa Women's Foundation, that **every woman and girl will have a full range of choices to attain her dreams, thus improving the standard of living for all Iowans**.

An **emerging leader** is an individual who has demonstrated an innovative vision or idea that will help reshape the social, cultural and/or economic landscape of her/his community. This leader is passionate about the advancement of women and dedicated to achieving real, sustainable change.

An **established leader** is an individual with experience and the long-term commitment to her/his community. This leader demonstrates resolve, the ability to break new ground and has fostered the advancement of Iowa women and girls.

Organization nominees may be business, non-profit, clubs, professional or informal organizations that have identified an area of needed improvement and taken real steps to create change. The organization provides life and/or career supports for women and girls through programs, advocacy or mentoring.



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NOMINATION FORM:

Name of Individual Nominee: _____
Company/ Organization: _____

-or-

Name of Organization Nominee: _____
Contact Person: _____

- and -

Nominee Address: _____

Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Nominated By: _____

Nominator Contact Information: _____

Please respond to all three questions in the nomination category (100 words or less per question).

EMERGING LEADER:

- 1) How has this individual demonstrated an innovative vision or idea that will help re-shape the social, cultural and/or economic landscape of her/his community?
- 2) Based on the category description above, why does the candidate merit this award?
- 3) What is the on-going impact of the candidate's achievements?

ESTABLISHED LEADER:

- 1) Provide an example of how the candidate fostered the advancement of women in her/his community in the last 24 months.
- 2) Based on the category description above, why does the candidate merit this award?
- 3) What is the on-going impact of the candidate's achievements?

ORGANIZATION:

- 1) Provide an example of how the organization has fostered the advancement of women in its community in the last 24 months.
- 2) Based on the category description above, why does the organization merit this award?
- 3) What is the on-going impact of the organization's achievements?

