**ywca southeastern**

**massachusetts**

**2021 Women of Distinction Awards**

**Nominees for this award are women who:**

* Strongly support and promote the YWCA Mission of *eliminating racism and empowering women*.
* Demonstrate strong and growing commitment to the community through her time as a volunteer.
* Demonstrate exceptional skills as a role model and/or mentor of women and girls through advocacy, racial justice, empowerment, community service and leadership.
* Have achieved professional excellence in her field.

# Nomination Process:

To nominate a “Woman of Distinction” please complete the enclosed application form (please type) and submit as noted below. P**lease be as descriptive as possible and answer each question thoroughly and concisely and include the REQUIRED attachments: magazine and/or newspaper articles, bios and/or résumés or other supporting documents.**  Nominations are confidential. **Past nominations/nominees not selected are encouraged to be submitted again.**

Recipients will be notified by the committee after final decisions in October. Nominators will be contacted via mail. Award will be presented at our annual YWCA Women of Distinction event on October 28th.

**SUBMIT COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM – by MAIL, FAX OR ONLINE to:**

**YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts**

**C/O Gail Fortes, Executive Director**

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**Nomination forms must be received by: 4 pm on Monday, September 20, 2021**

* **The Women of Distinction Awards Committee will not consider incomplete applications or applications without supporting documentation.**
* **Description of nominee’s volunteerism MUST include work done outside of their professional job. Awards will not be given for volunteerism done as part of nominee’s daily job.**
* **Supporting documents (i.e., magazine, résumés and newspaper articles) should be mailed to the above address for attachment to the faxed or emailed nomination form.**
* **For additional information contact: Gail Fortes, Executive Director at 508.999.3255 or email gfortes@ywcasema.org**

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**2021 Women of Distinction Nomination Form**

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# Nominee Information

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Nominator Information

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Title/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*Signature of Nominator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***\*Signature confirms the accuracy of submitted materials***

**2021** **Women of Distinction**

**Selection Criteria**

***Provide a thorough and complete description of how the nominee meets or exceeds the characteristics sought for each of the following criterion. Be as specific as possible for each question and please give examples as to how the nominee meets or exceeds the criteria for the award. Please use additional space as needed to provide comprehensive information.***

**Criteria #1:** How does the nominee model the YWCA Mission of eliminating racism **AND** empowering women? Please give at least one specific example on how the nominee works towards the elimination of racism and at least one specific example of how the nominee empowers women.

**Criteria #2:**  How does the nominee demonstrate strong and growing commitment to the community through her time, talent and/or resources?

**Criteria #3:** How does the nominee demonstrate exceptional skills as a role model or mentor of women and girls through advocacy, racial justice, empowerment, community service and leadership?

**Criteria #4:**  How has the nominee achieved professional excellence in her field?