

Women of Today Awards

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Introduction

One way to recognize chapter members is through nominating them for awards. Chapters can also be recognized for all the work they do through award nominations. This document lists all the available awards.

All awards listed below are offered through Minnesota Women of Today unless otherwise noted. An Women of Today awards chart is available here in the book of forms under category “Chapter Support”.

In addition, the forms for most of these awards are available in the full book of forms available here: Most award nomination forms can be found in the Book of Forms on the MNWT website at <http://www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php>. Most forms are available in Adobe Acrobat PDF format and some allow you to fill out and submit online. The website path to each form is included below.

Member Awards

Presidential Pin

The Presidential Pin honors a member who has done a great job in her local chapter, on the district level and/or for the state organization. Any member except Chapter Presidents, State Delegates and Executive Council members are eligible to be nominated for a Presidential Pin. Any member can nominate another member for a Presidential Pin. Nominations are sent to the State President. Presidential Pins are typically presented at State meetings but are sometimes given at District meetings when the State President is visiting.

Path to Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "Recognition: Leadership".

Presidential Medallion

Chapter Presidents, State Delegates, and Executive Council members are honored with Presidential Medallions. The Medallion is similar to the Presidential Pin in that it honors an officer who has given outstanding effort or gone the extra mile as a leader. Any member can nominate an officer for a Presidential Medallion. Nominations are sent to the State President and are typically presented at State meetings but can also be given at District meetings when the State President is visiting.

Path to Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "Recognition: Leadership".

Keys

Key awards honor certain officers who submit an outstanding Year-End Individual Entry. Chapter Presidents, Chapter State Delegates, State Program Managers, and State Staff who submit their Year-End Individual entry are eligible for a key award. Bronze, silver and gold keys are awarded based on overall performance of job duties and preparation of submission. There are different entry forms depending on the position and are all available in the online [book of forms](#). Please contact the Chapter Service Center if you have any questions about the form you should use.

Path to Forms:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "Officer: Evaluations".

Outstanding Local Program Manager

The Outstanding Local Program Manager (LPM) award honors an LPM who has done a great job in their local chapter for a specific programming area. One LPM from each programming area can be

awarded an Outstanding LPM award at each State Meeting. Chapter Presidents and District Program Managers typically nominate LPMs for this award.

Path to Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category “Recognition: Leadership”.

Fired Up District Program Manager

The Fired Up District Program Manager (DPM) award honors a DPM who has done a great job in their district in a specific programming area. One DPM from each programming area can be awarded a Fired Up DPM award at each State Meeting. District Programming Vice Presidents and State Program Managers typically nominate DPMs for this award. There is no specific form for this award; you simply contact the State Program Manager for the appropriate programming area.

Key Woman

The Key Woman award is the highest honor from the Minnesota Women of Today. This award honors a member who has made an impact on the organization and has been a member for a minimum of four years. It is designed as a chapter nomination of a woman who had shown exceptional involvement and growth in Woman of Today. A woman cannot work toward this goal; it seeks her out after she has given her heart and soul to the organization. This award has a lengthy nomination form and should be kept secret from the member being nominated. There is a fee for the nomination of a member for the Key Woman award. The nomination is reviewed by the Key Woman Committee.

Link to Key Woman Committee:

http://www.mnwt.org/exec-council/execcouncil_results.php?execcoun=KEY

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category “Recognition: Leadership”.

USWT Presidential Pin

The USWT Presidential Pin is similar to the MNWT Presidential Pin award but is presented by the USWT National President. Any MNWT member is eligible to receive this award. The State President nominates MNWT members to the National President.

USWT Outstanding Local Officer

This award honors a local chapter officer who has done a great job in their local chapter. Only 25 awards are presented throughout the USWT each year. The State President nominates local officers for this award.

USWT Ambassador Award

The USWT Ambassador Award is the highest recognition in the USWT bestowed on a local member. To be eligible, the nominee must have been a WT member for a minimum of five years. This award is similar to the MNWT Key Woman Award. There is a fee for nominating a member and the nomination is reviewed by the Ambassador Review Committee.

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://sites.google.com/site/uswttest/home/ambassador>

Chapter Awards

Community Connections Joint Ventures Award

The Community Connections Joint Ventures Award is an award recognizing a chapter that has successfully collaborated with another community organization to sponsor a successful community project. The organization's collaboration and accomplishments are recognized and we celebrate their desire to "leave the world a better place". There is a fee for this nomination. The award is presented at the Annual Awards State Convention in May. Contact the Community Connections State Program manager for additional information and questions on this award.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "Programing: MNWT Forms".

Community Connections Civic or Environmental Project Award

The Community Connections Civic or Environmental Project Award is an award given to recognize a chapter that has had an impact in their community either civically or on the environment. There is a fee for this nomination. The award is presented at the Annual Awards State Convention in May. Contact the Community Connections State Program manager for additional information and questions on this award.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "Programing: MNWT Forms".

Community Connections Community Impact Award

The Community Connections Community Impact Award is an award given to recognize a chapter that has completed a successful community project that does not fit into one of the other two Community Connections award categories. There is a fee for this nomination. The award is presented at the Annual Awards State Convention in May. Contact the Community Connections State Program manager for additional information and questions on this award.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "Programing: MNWT Forms".

Project of the Trimester

One project from each programming area is recognized as the Project of the Trimester at each State convention. A Chapter President, District Director, Project Chair, Local Program Manager or District Program Manager can nominate a project for this award. This is one way to share a great project idea with other chapters around the state.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "Programing: MNWT Forms".

USWT Project Recognition

The USWT Project Recognition award honors projects with good goals, public relations, member participation, budget, and future recommendations to future project chair. This nomination form is lengthier than the MNWT Project of the Trimester award. You may submit this nomination to the US Programming VP for judging twice a year. Awards are presented at National Conventions. This form can also be used to document a project for future chairs and not submitted for judging.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "USWT Forms".

USWT Shout Out with Pride

The Shout Out with Pride award honors any WT chapter that planned and promoted (with PR) a project during Women of Today Week. Women of Today Week is held each September. The nomination form should be submitted to the MNWT SPM for Public Relations no later than October 10.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "USWT Forms".

USWT Fellowship Builder Award

The USWT Fellowship Builder Award honors any WT chapter that ran four social events during the year, including one on Friendship Day. Friendship Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in August each year. These events are meant to be social, to encourage our members to get to know each other a little better and to have fun in the process. These events are not fundraisers, nor are they orientations or personal enrichment courses. They are meant for you, our chapter members, to have just a little more fun in Women of Today. Nomination forms should be sent to the USWT Membership Vice President no later than May 1.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category "USWT Forms".

USWT All American Chapter

The USWT All American Chapter award honors any chapter that planned and accomplished a well-rounded program of projects & activities which exemplify the USWT creed. The accomplishment of

these activities will help the chapter provide the opportunities of leadership, training, community service, personal enrichment and fellowship for its members. Chapters should take pride in their accomplishments and share the completion of this All-American Chapter program with your chapter members. Upon completion of the criteria in the form, the chapter president must sign the form and mail it to USWT President, postmarked no later than May 10.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category “USWT Forms”.

Awards to Non-Members

Lois M. Christensen Women Who Impact Award

A Women Who Impact Award nominee can be nominated in one of three categories: Non-profit, Youth Outreach and Women’s Advocacy. Chapters can submit only one entry per category per year. A nomination fee applies to each nomination submitted. Individuals nominated will be judged on their involvement and contributions to others and the community as listed in their entries. More details can be found in the Outstanding Award Manual (available at the State Store). You can also contact the Living & Learning State Program Manager with any questions about this award.

Note that members and non-members may be nominated for this award.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category “Recognition: Leadership”.

Youth of Today Outstanding Young Adult

The Outstanding Young Adult award is a scholarship program for young adults. A nominee for this award must be a ninth through twelfth grade student or may be chosen to represent the chapter during the spring of his/her 12th grade year, and be eligible to represent the chapter at the Minnesota Women of Today competition in the fall. Individual nominees will be judged on their involvement and contributions to others and the community as listed in their entries. They will not be judged on athletic or academic achievements. One nomination can be made from each chapter each year and a nomination fee applies to each nomination submitted. More details can be found in the Outstanding Award Manual (available at the State Store). You can also contact the Youth of Today State Program Manager with any questions about this award.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category “Recognition: Leadership”.

Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges Award

The Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges (PDC) Award is a program for individuals with developmental challenges who show leadership abilities, are involved in their local communities, and possess the ability to initiate ideas and innovations for new and exciting projects and programs. This award is given in collaboration with Friendship Ventures and is determined

each year by Friendship Ventures. More details can be found in the Award Manual (available at the State Store). You can also contact the Community Connections State Program Manager with any questions about this award.

Path to Nomination Form:

From Book of Forms (www.mnwt.org/bof/index.php), choose Form Category “Recognition: Leadership”.

Friend of Women of Today Award

The United States Women of Today National President typically offers a Friend of the Women of Today Award (the name may change each year depending on the national president’s theme). Chapters can nominate an individual, group, or business that has helped their local chapter or the Women of Today organization in some way. You can look on the USWT website (<http://uswomenoftoday.org>) or contact the USWT President at president@uswomenoftoday.org for this form.