



2023 Community Hero Award

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The **Community Hero Award** is designed to honor a female's contributions outside of the office. The honoree should demonstrate a commitment to her community through service. This individual should have contributed positively to community improvement and change through time, talent, treasure or a combination. Her skills should be utilized in a way that does not directly benefit her professionally, but rather, for the betterment of others. Nominee must be a member of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce. Nominations may be self-submitted or submitted by another person/organization.

The award will be presented at the Women in Business Luncheon as part of Pow(H)er on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Prairie Street Brewhouse.

Entry Process

- Prepare a written submission that addresses the following:
 1. **Nominee's name, place of work, title, email address and phone number**
 2. **Nominator's name, place of work, title, email address and phone number**
 3. **Start With Why**

It's often said less is more. In a quick 250 word summary, share *why* your nominee should be named Community Hero.
 4. **Community Improvement**

In what way has this person's contributions positively improved, impacted or changed the community for the better? (Data to showcase improvement welcomed & encouraged, but not required)
 5. **Servant Leadership**

In what ways does the nominee demonstrate servant leadership? How does her work directly benefit the community?
 6. **Professional and/or Personal Responsibilities**

Describe the nominee's life beyond her volunteer work – professionally and/or personally.
- Letters of recommendation will be accepted & considered but are not required.

Once you have finalized your submission, please email to: nominations@rockfordchamber.com

Nominations must be received by noon on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

To register for the Women-In-Business Luncheon, please visit rockfordchamber.com.

Please note: all attendees, including honorees, will need to register for the event.



2023 Emerging Leader of the Year

The **Emerging Leader of the Year Award** is designed to honor a female professional in the early stages of her career. The honoree should exhibit leadership skills, a commitment to professional growth and contribute positively to her team and/or organization. This individual should be hard-working, passionate and eager to learn. Nominee must be a member of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce. Nominations may be self-submitted or submitted by another person/organization.

To be considered for this honor, an individual must be within ten years of starting her full-time professional work. (Work does not need to be consecutive in years, roles or organizations.)

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Entry Process

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 2. **Nominator's name, place of work, title, email address and phone number**
 3. **Start With Why**

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 4. **Leadership Skills**

Describe the nominee's skills as a leader, both formally and informally. What makes her an outstanding woman to follow? In what ways do others look to her for guidance and leadership? What leadership skills will contribute to her future success?
 5. **Professional Growth**

In what ways does the nominee continually strive for professional growth? How does this candidate continually learn & grow? What sort of career trajectory & organizational impact potential does the candidate potentially have?
 6. **Contributions to Team/Organization**

Describe the candidate's contributions to her organization or team's success.
- Letters of recommendation will be accepted & considered but are not required.

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2023 Excellence in Leadership Award

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The **Excellence in Leadership Award** (*formally Woman Manager of the Year*) is designed to honor a female professional in a leadership role within her organization. Honorees should contribute positively to their organization's success, effectively lead her team(s), and continually work to grow personally & professionally. Nominee must be a member of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce. Nominations may be self-submitted or submitted by another person/organization.

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Entry Process

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 2. **Nominator's name, place of work, title, email address and phone number**
 3. **Start With Why**

It's often said less is more. In a quick 250 word summary, share *why* your nominee should be receive the Excellence in Leadership Award.
 4. **Leadership Skills**

Describe the nominee's skills as a leader, both formally and informally. What makes her an outstanding woman to follow? In what ways do others look to her for guidance and leadership? How does she motivate her team and encourage their personal growth? How does she support other women in business?
 5. **Professional Growth**

In what ways does the nominee continually strive for professional growth and how does she demonstrate personal growth? How does this nominee continually adapt & improve her leadership skills? How does she see her career developing in the next three to five years? How does she give back to her profession?
 6. **Organization Success**

How does this person use her talents to contribute positively to her organization's success? How does she drive results? Describe some of her career achievements to date.
- Letters of recommendation will be accepted & considered but are not required.

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The **Woman Business Owner of the Year** is designed to honor a female entrepreneur/business-owner (minimum 51% female ownership). The honoree should exhibit leadership skills and a commitment to her craft. The individual should be dedicated to her organization, her team and her clients – and be able to demonstrate examples of business success. Nominee must be a member of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce. Nominations may be self-submitted or submitted by another person/organization.

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Entry Process

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 2. **Nominator's name, place of work, title, email address and phone number**
 3. **Start With Why**

It's often said less is more. In a quick 250 word summary, share *why* your nominee should be named Woman Business Owner of the Year.
 4. **Leadership Skills**

Describe the nominee's skills as a leader, both formally and informally. What makes her an outstanding woman to follow? In what ways do others look to her for guidance and leadership? How does she support other women in business?
 5. **Dedication**

In what ways does the nominee dedicate herself to her craft? How has she grown in her field? How does she continually learn? How does the nominee funnel this dedication to her organization, her team and her clients?
 6. **Business Success**

Describe the honoree's business success. How has she used innovative ideas or methods to improve her business? How does she give back to her profession? How does the nominee see her business growing in the next three to five years?
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