



The 2026 ATHENA Awards

The ATHENA Award Program celebrates the potential of all women as valued members and leaders of the community and recognizes those who support them. The ATHENA Award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of professional accomplishment; women and men who excel in their chosen field, have devoted time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and who also open paths so that others may follow.

THE CRITERIA

ATHENA recipients must meet each of three specific criteria. They must:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession
- Provide valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in the community
- Assist women in reaching their full leadership potential.

COMPLETING THE FORM

- Nominations for the ATHENA Award must be submitted using this nomination form (or a photocopy). The form must be typed or printed clearly. **The more information provided in the application, the better the score.**
- A computerized version may be submitted provided the format is identical.
- You may include two additional pages of supporting documents (i.e. resume, cv, etc.) *"Scrapbooks" or other separate supporting documents should not accompany the form. These materials will not be considered during the selection committee deliberations.*
- The information submitted should support the award criteria of achievement, leadership and service.

THE PROCESS

- A Selection Committee consisting of at least one past ATHENA winner will review all nomination forms and select this year's ATHENA Award recipient. Nominees are scored on a rubric system to ensure fairness.
- The 2026 recipient will be announced during a special luncheon at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 1st.

All nominees must be able to attend.

- Please return all submissions to: Macomb Foundation, Attn.: Kelley Lovati, 28 First Street, Suite B, Mount Clemens, MI 48043 or email nominations@macombcounty.chamber.com by **March 13th**



Annual ATHENA Awards

Presented by:



Please submit all nominations via email to nominations@macombcountychamber.com or in person at 28 First Street, Suite B Mount Clemens by March 13, 2026. The ATHENA Award event is a fundraiser for the Macomb Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. Your contribution may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor

ATHENA Award Nomination Form

Please include a one-paragraph bio and recent photo for use in the Program Book with nomination form.

NOMINEE

Date: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Business Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Business Email: _____

NOMINATOR

Name: _____ Company/Organization Name: _____

Business Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code : _____ Phone : _____

Email : _____



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I. PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession.

II. COMMUNITY SERVICE:

List local, state, national and international level of participation. Include length of service and offices held in civic and service organizations such as charitable activities, political pursuits, religious groups, chambers of commerce, merchants' associations, etc.



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III. PERSONAL LEADERSHIP:

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential, and/or demonstrated support for their professional advancement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA:

Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. List awards, honors received, publications or articles supporting service to their profession, industry, or community.
