2021 Woman of the Year Award Nomination Form

Each year the St. Mary’s County Commission for Women honors a Woman of the Year for her outstanding volunteer services to the local community.

Awards Presentation

All nominees will be recognized during the Commission for Women’s 2021 Women’s History Month Symposium on March 18, 2021, at 6 p.m. on the Commission for Women’s Facebook page.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the Woman of the Year Award, the nominee must:

1. currently resides in St. Mary’s County; and
2. have made a positive impact on the community through volunteer service.

Please Note:

The nominee’s service must be performed outside of the context of her paid employment.

Requirements for Submission of Nominations:

Nominators must:

1. Notify the intended nominee and obtain their consent for nomination.
2. Complete the attached Woman of the Year Nomination Form (Parts A and B).
3. Submit a photo (digital preferred) of the nominee.
4. The Commission requests that the nominating party pay a nomination fee of $10.00 at the time of nomination.

A check made payable to “St. Mary’s County Commission for Women” should be enclosed with the nomination form. If you are submitting the nomination via email or fax, please mail the check separately to St. Mary’s County Commission for Women c/o Debra Kane, Department of Aging & Human Services, Post Office Box 653, Leonardtown, MD, 20650.
5. Submit the completed nomination form in one of the following ways:
   a. Email: commissionforwomen@stmarysmd.com, attn: Debra Kane.
   b. Fax: 301-475-8485, attn: Debra Kane.
   c. Mail: St. Mary’s County Commission for Women c/o Debra Kane, Department of Aging & Human Services, Post Office Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Submission Due Date:

The nomination form, photo, and payment of $10.00 must be received by January 31, 2021, in order to be considered.
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Judging Process:

1. An independent selection committee will review each application.
2. The judging process will only consider the completed nomination form and any supporting documents submitted with the form.
3. The winner will be announced during the Women’s History Month Symposium.
4. Excerpts from the nomination form may be used for remarks during the symposium and may also be printed in the event program.

Helpful Hints for Preparing Your Nomination:

1. Ensure that all criteria in the nomination form are addressed.
2. Answer each question asked about the nominee.
3. Where possible, provide specific examples about the nominee to support your claims.
4. Include newspaper clippings, thank you letters or other media that address and enforce the nominee’s contributions.

The Jane Hale Sypher Scholarship Fund

Proceeds from and donations collected at the Women’s History Symposium go to the Jane Hale Sypher Scholarship Fund. Established in 2010 by the St. Mary’s County Commission for Women, the scholarship supports a non-traditional student who is a single parent or displaced homemaker at the College of Southern Maryland.

Address any questions regarding the nominating process to the Commission for Women Point of Contact at 301-475-4200, ext. 71680.
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Part A

Identifying Information (Please type or print in ink)

Nominator’s name and organization (if applicable): ____________________________

Organization: __________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _______________________________________________________

Telephone: _____________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________

Nominee’s name: _______________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _______________________________________________________

Telephone: _____________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________
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Part B

Criteria/Factors for Consideration
Please provide information about the nominee addressing each of the following criteria. Attach your response to this form.

1. **Significant Contribution: Describe the nominee’s exemplary services to individuals and/or non-profit organizations in St. Mary’s County**

   The judges are looking for a nominee who has taken the initiative to start special projects in her community that involve others, or has the possibility in the future of encouraging others to contribute (e.g. tutoring at-risk children, food drive for a shelter, park clean-up, etc.).

   **Please note:**
   
   *Only the nominee’s voluntary service will be considered.*

2. **Enthusiasm/Passion/Commitment: What makes this person stand out?**

   The judges are looking for a nominee who possesses superior drive or determination.

3. **Leadership: How has the nominee motivated others to give their time to support organizations and/or individuals?**

   The judges are looking for a nominee who assumes a leadership role in community activities, has the ability to inspire others and generate enthusiasm, and/or leads with her actions in ways such as volunteering, expressing individuality and being a diligent worker.

4. **Impact: What impact has the nominee’s community service had in St. Mary’s County this year?**

   The judges are looking for a nominee who has made a significant positive contribution to the local community.