

DAKOTA COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# THE WOMEN'S

## LEADERSHIP FORUM

ENERGIZING EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERING

### **WomEn's Leadership Forum Awards Application**

All nominees must be a Chamber member to qualify. Companies can nominate any qualifying business or individual in the Chamber including themselves and their employees.

The 2019 WomEn's Leadership Forum will take place Friday, March 22, 2019, from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Radisson Blu Mall of America. The top three finalists in each category will be announced the week of February 22, 2019. The winners will be announced at the event on March 22, 2019.

If you would like to nominate the same business or business leader for more than one category, a separate nomination form will need to be completed for each category.

Only one nomination per person, per category is needed. Please complete the information below and submit by Friday, February 15, 2019.

### **Award Categories**

#### **Partner of the Year**

The award recognizes an outstanding community member and/or business that has worked closely and consistently with the Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce to promote the advancement and success of Women Business owners through means such as sponsorship, advocacy and/or community engagement.

**Eligibility:** All for profit businesses that are current DCR members.

**Criteria:** Nominees should identify how they promote the advancement and success of women and women business owners.

## **Woman Business of the Year**

This award honors one business in the DCR Chamber making an economic impact in Dakota County which is women/minority owned.

**Eligibility:** All for profit businesses that are current DCR members, are owned by a woman or minority are eligible and may self-nominate.

**Criteria:** Nominees should identify how they are recognized as a leader in their industry and with their peers, means by which they support and encourage the growth of their workforce and demonstrate an ability to take and overcome risks.

## **Change Maker of the Year**

The award recognizes one woman business owner who operates in a typically male-dominated industry and challenges the status quo. She is a pioneer who breaks down barriers for women in her industry and broadens opportunities for future women business owners.

**Eligibility:** All for profit businesses that are current DCR members, are owned by a woman are eligible and may self-nominate.

**Criteria:** Nominees must demonstrate how they challenge the status quo.

## **Nomination Information**

**Due Date: Friday, February 15, 2019**

Nomination for: ☐ Partner of the Year  
☐ Woman/Minority Owned Business of the Year  
☐ Change Maker of the Year

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nominee Information:**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In 200 words or less, please describe the reasons you are nominating this company/organization or individual, and how they meet the various criteria outlined in the awards description.

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\*Nominations will be reviewed by the WomEn's Leadership Forum Awards committee. Return nomination forms to: [dmavis@dcrchamber.com](mailto:dmavis@dcrchamber.com)