ATHENA Award Nomination Instructions

The ATHENA Award actively supports and celebrates the ATHENA International and Empower Her Committee of the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce missions of supporting, developing and honoring women leaders, inspiring women to achieve their full potential – creating balance in leadership worldwide. The ATHENA Award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, devote time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and forge paths of leadership for other women to follow.

THE CRITERIA

ATHENA Recipients must meet each of the following five criteria:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession
- Provide valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community
- Assist women in reaching their full leadership potential
- Live or work in Henderson County
- Must be at least 21 years old

COMPLETING THE FORM

- Nominations for the ATHENA Award **must** be submitted using this nomination form
- **Typed applications are STRONGLY encouraged**
- To access the electronic version of the form, please visit **www.hendersoncountychamber.org**
- You may include two additional pages of supporting documents (i.e. resume, CV, etc.)
- The information submitted should support the award criteria of achievement, leadership and service.
- **Must include high-resolution (300dpi) JPEG file headshot of your nominee.**
- **Deadline for nominations is Friday, January 16th, 2026**

THE PROCESS

A Selection Committee consisting of a diverse group of leaders from **OUTSIDE** the community will review all nomination forms and select the ATHENA Award Recipient.

The ATHENA Award Recipient will be announced at The Business & Professional Women's Luncheon scheduled for **Tuesday, April 28th, 2026.**

RETURN COMPLETED NOMINATION MATERIALS TO

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ATHENA Award Nomination Form

Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

NOMINEE

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Home Address

City: Click or tap here to enter text. State: Click or tap here to enter text.

Zip/Postal Code: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Company/Organization Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title/Position: Click or tap here to enter text.

Business Address
City: Click or tap here to enter text. State: Click or tap here to enter text.

Zip/Postal Code: Click or tap here to enter text.

Work Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. Work Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

NOMINATOR

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Company/Organization Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Business Address

City: Click or tap here to enter text. State: Click or tap here to enter text.

Zip/Postal Code: Click or tap here to enter text.

Work Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. Work Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

I. PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP:

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

II. COMMUNITY SERVICE:

List local, state, national and international level 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.

Click or tap here to enter text.

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.

Click or tap here to enter text.

IV. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provide an overview paragraph (roughly 250 words) of your nomination for use in event promotion and program; include key points, service, and achievements.

Click or tap here to enter text.

V. 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.

Click or tap here to enter text.

DISCLAIMER: Award nominees must be in good community standing. This nomination serves as a formal statement that the individual being nominated is not currently under criminal investigation. Should a criminal investigation occur during the nomination process, Chamber has the right to remove this nominee from consideration.