



Women of Achievement, Inc. was founded in 1984 by a group of women dedicated to honoring the extraordinary women who have made Memphis and Shelby County better through their lives and accomplishments. The coalition of diverse civic and professional groups and support agencies organizes events to recognize and celebrate these women.

Now our vision remains the same – to educate the community about the important achievements of women, to celebrate those accomplishments, and to inspire other women and girls to take risks and boldly achieve for themselves and for the community.

## **Awards Banquet and More**

Women of Achievement holds an annual awards event in March, National Women’s History Month. Seven awards, based on the quality of character that underlies achievement, highlight contributions of women who improve our community and the advancement of women. Awards are given without requirements on education or income and are not limited to professional categories. See a complete list of honorees at [www.womenofachievement.org](http://www.womenofachievement.org).

WA also hosts annual public forums. Panelists discuss ways women have tackled issues and concerns throughout local history, spotlighting how women have broken barriers to become leaders in business, government, law, the arts and community and civic service.

## **We Need You**

It’s easy to be a part of Women of Achievement

Nominate a woman you believe should be honored. See details on the back cover of this nomination form.

Become a member: Individual members pay \$30, with a sliding scale to \$10. Member organizations cut across all lines in the community and are represented on the Women of Achievement board of directors. These organizations pay \$50 a year.

Be a donor: Help defray the cost of the awards event. Sponsors (\$1,000 and up), Sustainers (\$500 to \$900), Donors (\$100 to \$499) help us keep the ticket cost low each year.

To donate or join Women of Achievement, send a check to WA at P.O. Box 820353, Memphis, TN 38182-0353. You can also contact us at [womenachievement@aol.com](mailto:womenachievement@aol.com).

In addition, Men Honoring Women of Achievement accepts donations of \$50 or higher each year.

## **Participating Organizations have included:**

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| Africa in April                          | Memphis Women’s Political Caucus                    |
| American Association of University Women | Memphis Public Library and Information Center       |
| Association of Women Attorney            | National Council of Jewish Women                    |
| Coalition of 100 Black Women             | National Council of Negro Women                     |
| Church Women United                      | National Organization for Women                     |
| Downtown Productions, Inc                | Network of Memphis                                  |
| Girl Scouts Council of the Mid-South     | Public Issues Forum                                 |
| Girls Incorporated of Memphis            | Shelby County Democratic Women                      |
| Hadassah                                 | The Links, Incorporated – Memphis Chapter           |
| League of Women Voters                   | Unitarian Universalist Women’s Alliance             |
| Memphis Area Women’s Council             | University of Memphis Center For Research on Women  |
| Memphis Center for Independent Living    | Women of Reformed Judaism, Temple Israel Sisterhood |
| Memphis Center for Reproductive Health   | Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis            |
| Memphis Child Advocacy Center            | Women’s News of the Mid-South                       |
| Memphis Education Association            | YWCA of Greater Memphis                             |



## Nomination Form --- Awards given March 25, 2012

### Award Categories

- COURAGE** For a woman who, facing active opposition backed an unpopular cause in which she deeply believed
- DETERMINATION** For a woman who solved a glaring problem, despite widespread inertia, apathy or ignorance around her
- HERITAGE** For a woman of generations past whose achievements enrich our lives
- HEROISM** For a woman whose heroic spirit was tested and shown as a model to all in Shelby County and beyond
- INITIATIVE** For a woman who seized the opportunity to use her talents and created her own future
- STEADFASTNESS** For a lifetime of achievement
- VISION** For a woman whose sensitivity to women's needs led her to tremendous achievements for women

### Nomination Guidelines

In a 300-word summary tell us your nominee's story and specifically how it relates to your chosen award category.

You **MUST** submit documents or articles about your nominee's achievements pertinent to the nomination. Please attach no more than six documents. Items will not be returned. No videos, audio tapes or notebooks, please.

You may nominate more than one person in any or all categories, but you must submit separate forms for each nominee. This form may be duplicated. Nominees for Courage, Initiative, Steadfastness, Determination and Vision must be current resident of Shelby County. Heritage nominees must have been residents of Memphis or Shelby County.

No residence restrictions apply in the Heroism category.

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**All nominations must be postmarked by Dec. 8, 2011**

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### Nomination Information

Category \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City, ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Additional contacts to verify my nominee's accomplishments/impact on the community

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City, ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

If renominating, please attached updated material and contact information. This form may be duplicated. Nominations may be submitted by mail, fax or email.