

## 2026 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**OBJECTIVE:** To recognize and honor women from Story County who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and personal endeavors in accordance with the mission of YWCA Ames at ISU.

*Our Mission:* YWCA Ames at ISU is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

YWCA Ames at ISU Selection Committee will consider nominations from individuals, corporations, non-profit agencies, public/private agencies, and departments.

### AWARD CRITERIA/GUIDELINES:

- The candidate has fostered the empowerment of women and/or assisted in the elimination or reduction of racism.
- The candidate has exhibited and demonstrated qualities of leadership, teamwork, integrity, dedication, and motivation within her **profession** and/or **community**.
- The candidate demonstrates sustained excellence, accomplishment, and creativity in the sphere of her chosen profession and/or volunteer service.
- The candidate has exhibited and demonstrated qualities of teamwork and willingness to share her own skills and expertise in the accomplishment of organizational goals.

### GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS:

- Please respond to each question in 500 words or less.
- Please provide detailed information and where applicable, provide specific examples.
- Provide a one-page (or less) letter of reference – from someone other than the nominator – that speaks specifically to the criteria/guidelines referenced above.
- Please do not attach photos or any additional documentation other than the letter of reference to the nomination form.

**DEADLINE: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Applications and supporting documents to be submitted via email to  
[ywca@iastate.edu](mailto:ywca@iastate.edu)

Awards will be presented at the Women of Achievement Ceremony on  
Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Reiman Gardens.

For additional information visit [www.ywcaames.org](http://www.ywcaames.org)  
or email [ywca@iastate.edu](mailto:ywca@iastate.edu)

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### Individual Nomination

*Please print or type (typed preferred)*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Email \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated for an award in the following category: (Please **check only one**)

\_\_\_ **NON-PROFIT**

\_\_\_ **ENTREPRENEURSHIP/BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL**

\_\_\_ **HEALTH**

\_\_\_ **EDUCATION**

\_\_\_ **VOLUNTEER**

\_\_\_ **EARLY PROFESSIONAL (5 YEARS POST COLLEGE)**

\_\_\_ **COMMUNITY ACTIVIST**

\_\_\_ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate why you feel the candidate should be considered for an award by  
answering the following questions. **Please limit each response to 500 words or less.**

1. How has the candidate aligned with YWCA Ames at ISU's mission to eliminate racism and/or empower women?
2. How has the candidate exhibited and demonstrated qualities of leadership, teamwork, integrity, dedication, and motivation within her **profession** and/or **community**?
3. How has the candidate demonstrated sustained excellence, accomplishment, and creativity in the sphere of her chosen profession and/or volunteer service? Please give specific examples.

Your Name (nominator) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

All recipients are expected to give a 2–3-minute acceptance speech at the awards ceremony on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at Reiman Gardens.

**THANK YOU.**