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NOMINATION FORM

ATHENA™ Young Professional Award

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Call for Nominations

Nomination Deadline: Noon, July 24, 2009

The ATHENA™ Young Professional Award honors an exceptional individual who is an emerging leader in her/his business or profession, who gives back to the community in meaningful ways and who clearly serves as a role model for young women both personally and professionally.

ATHENA™ Young Professional Award Nomination Form Rules

Completing the Form – PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW!

- Download the form at www.thepartnership.org.
- Nominations for the ATHENA™ Award must be submitted using this nomination form and format.
- Computerized hard copies of this nomination form are acceptable, but must follow the format.
- Handwritten and/or faxed documents will be immediately disqualified.
- As a courtesy, nominators are asked to inform the nominee of their consideration for the ATHENA™ Young Professional Award.

Nomination Assembly

- Organizations, groups, boards or individuals may nominate a person for the ATHENA™ Young Professional Award. Nominators may submit more than one person for the award.
- Nominators are asked to place a courtesy call to Sara Schumacher at the Buffalo Niagara Partnership (716.541.1759) with the name of their candidate by July 20, 2009.
- All documents must be typed and no longer than five total pages, including contact information page.
- Submit the completed form with an up-to-date resume no longer than four pages.
- All completed nomination forms must be received NO LATER THAN 12 NOON on July 24, 2009. Nominations received after this date and time will not be considered.
- Return completed form and resume to:
ATHENA Young Professional Awards
Attn: Sara Schumacher
Buffalo Niagara Partnership
665 Main Street, Suite 200
Buffalo, NY 14203-1487

Qualifications

- Nominees may be from the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors.
- Nominees should be under the approximate age of 40.
- Business achievement, involvement and leadership accomplishments must be clearly demonstrated by the nominee.
- Previous ATHENA™ nominees may be eligible for nomination.
- Nominees are not required to be a member of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership or be employed by a Partnership member firm.

Restrictions

- Employees of ATHENA™, Title Sponsor or selection committee members are ineligible for nomination, nor can they nominate.
- Previous ATHENA™ Award recipients are ineligible for nomination.

Nomination Process

- If the nomination form clearly indicates the candidate's demonstrated business achievements, community service, and support for young women, she will be accepted as a nominee for the ATHENA™ Young Professional Award.
- A letter of nomination will be sent to all nominees by August 4, 2009. A request for information and photo release consent form will be included with the letter. Both will be used in the promotion of the ATHENA™ Young Professional Award program, and the event.
- A Selection Committee, comprised of previous ATHENA™ recipients, representatives of the Partnership and title sponsor, will review all nomination forms and select the 2009 ATHENA™ Young Professional Award recipient.
- The ATHENA™ Young Professional Award recipient will be announced and all nominees will be honored at the 20th Annual ATHENA™ Award Luncheon on November 4th at the Adam's Mark Hotel.
- RECIPIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED ON OCTOBER 28, 2009 AND ANNOUNCED TO ALL OTHERS AT THE LUNCHEON.

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For more information, contact Sara Schumacher at the Buffalo Niagara Partnership 716.541.1759.



ATHENA™ Young Professional Award Nomination Form

I would like to nominate the following individual for the ATHENA™ Young Professional Award:

NOMINEE

Title

Firm

Business Address

City Zip

Phone Fax

Email

Nominated By:

Name

Title

Firm

Business Address

City Zip

Phone Fax

Email

EVALUATION

CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

*Nominees will be evaluated according to the following categories and criteria:
(Note: Use of word "organization" throughout the remainder of this form pertains to both profit and not-for-profit entities)*

I. Professional Leadership – 25%

An emerging leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in her/his business or profession.

II. Community Service – 25%

Provided valuable leadership service to the community above and beyond that related to her job.

III. Personal Leadership – 50%

Serves as a role model for young women both personally and professionally.

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Honoring an exceptional individual who is an emerging leader in her/his business or profession, who gives back to the community in meaningful ways and who clearly serves as a role model for young women both personally and professionally.

The ATHENA™ Young Professional Award was introduced at the ATHENA™ International Conference in Chicago in April 2007, where Karennia Gore Schiff was honored as the inaugural International Recipient. Karennia is a historian, women's advocate and author of *Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America*.

The ATHENA™ Young Professional Award is a natural extension of the ATHENA™ Award, a program with a rich quarter century history of honoring exceptional leaders. By presenting this award new in Buffalo we are acknowledging the contributions and importance of our local emerging leaders.



*To download and use
this form online visit:*

www.thepartnership.org

REMINDER:

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I. PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee is an emerging leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in her/his business or profession.

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.

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III. PERSONAL LEADERSHIP

Provide specific examples of how the nominee serves as a role model for young women both personally and professionally.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA

Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. List awards, testimonials, honors received, publications or articles supporting service to their profession, industry or community.