

On Saturday, May 1st, YWCA Great Falls will present the **Annual Salute to Women Awards** honoring outstanding women from Cascade County. Honorees are recognized for supporting the YWCA mission of eliminating racism and empowering women as well as for their contributions to their professions, areas of interest, community, or the well-being of society.

Awards for 2022 will be given to four exceptional women, one outstanding young woman of tomorrow under the age of 21, and one Sheila Rice Lifetime Achievement Award honoree.

Please nominate women who have demonstrated notable activities, accomplishments and contributions in some or all of the following areas:

- Contribute to eliminating racism in our neighborhoods.
- Contribute to empowering women in our community.
- Exhibit courage, creativity, competence, originality or perseverance.
- Improve the quality of life for others.

Recent Salute to Women Honorees:

2018

**Mackenzie George
Courtney Cowgill
Mary Papoulis
Kathryn Van Tighem
Annie Brown
Tonya Rolando
Sheila Rice**

2019

**Miranda Murray
Heather Palermo
Laura Wight
Keely Baker
Jennie Gresham
Dr. Debra Garrity
Tammy Yaeger Lacey**

2021

**Joan Redeen
Keely Ronish
Candice English
Megan Schmidt
Kristy Pontent-Stroop
Katie Cunningham
Carol Juneau**

Nominations are welcome from all members of the community. Nominees need not be members of the YWCA. Honorees will be chosen by the Salute to Women Selection Committee, comprised of individuals from the community who are independent of the YWCA and its sponsors.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 28, 2022, 5 P.M.

Nominations should be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope to:

YWCA Salute to Women Selection Committee
220 2nd Street North
Great Falls, MT 59401

Nominee's Name

Home Address

Business Address

Home Phone

Business Phone

E-mail Address

Your (Nominator) Name, Address, Phone Number, Email

Please provide the following information about your nominee.

- *Provide a summary* answering the following questions. When answering, please reference how the nominee has volunteered in the community, brought people together, and demonstrated leadership qualities. Answers should be succinct and brief.
 - Briefly describe how the nominee advocates to *eliminate racism*.
 - Briefly describe how the nominee works to *empower women*.
 - Please provide any additional *notable activities and accomplishments* of your nominee. (Accomplishments are defined as awards, special recognitions, degrees, diplomas, certifications, or perseverance, e.g. overcoming obstacles, maintaining sobriety, leaving a domestic abuse situation.)
- Provide *two support letters*. Or, alternatively, a personal testimony can be provided that is recorded by phone or in person and no longer than 5 minutes in length.
- **Total nomination packet should not exceed 7 pages.**

The event is **Saturday, May 1st**, please be mindful of the honoree's availability to attend and be recognized. If your honoree is selected, we will connect you with a committee member who will provide details on items that need to be completed before the event and provide details on ticket and table information.

All nomination packages will remain property of the YWCA. Please keep a copy for your records. **The information provided will be the sole basis of evaluation by the Selection Committee.** A new package must be submitted for subsequent nominations. YWCA board members and staff are ineligible for nomination. For further information, please call YWCA Great Falls at 452-1315.

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Below are the scoring criteria that will be used when reviewing nomination packets. It is not required for honorees to have evidence in all these areas; instead they will be awarded one point per area of experience.

	+1	+1	+ 1	+1	+1
<i>Proof of advocacy for eliminating racism</i>	Supports community-based educational opportunities that promote respect and eliminate racism.	Brings diverse groups of people together to learn about race related issues.	Advocates at a local level for causes that seek to promote racial equality.	Advocates at a state or national level for causes that seek to promote racial equity.	Creates a climate that promotes non-judgmental, reflective listening and personal engagement to develop trust.
<i>Evidence of empowering women</i>	Supports community-based educational opportunities that promote gender-respect and empower women.	Brings diverse groups of people together to learn about gender related issues.	Brings diverse groups of people together to learn about domestic violence.	Works to achieve equal opportunities for all people.	Models and promotes self-sufficiency.
<i>Notable activities and volunteerism</i>	Evidence of one notable and/or volunteer activity.	Evidence of one notable and/or volunteer activity.	Evidence of one notable and/or volunteer activity.	Evidence of one notable and/or volunteer activity.	Evidence of one notable and/or volunteer activity.
<i>Accomplishments *</i>	Evidence of one accomplishment (see below).	Evidence of one accomplishment (see below).	Evidence of one accomplishment (see below).	Evidence of one accomplishment (see below).	Evidence of one accomplishment (see below).
<i>Letters of support or personal testimony</i>	Evidence of one.	Evidence of one.			
<i>Column Total:</i>					
<i>Final Total:</i>	(22 points possible)				

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