



In the
COMPANY *of*
WOMEN 2017

In Honor of Women's History Month Every March

NOMINATION FORM

A Brief History

Since 1989, men and women have gathered to honor the outstanding achievements of women throughout Miami-Dade County during the annual In the Company of Women Awards Ceremony. This popular and prestigious event serves as part of Women's History Month, observed annually in March. The event has received recognition from the National Association of Counties and the Southern Region of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

How To Nominate

All women in Miami-Dade County who have exemplified **Professional Development, Community Responsibility, Leadership and Vision, Contribution to Women's Progress, and Promotion of Pluralism** are eligible to be nominated in one of eight professional categories, the Community Spirit Award, the Posthumous Award, or for the Mayor's Pioneer Award.

For the professional categories, and the Posthumous Award, emphasis will be placed on the nominee's contribution to women's progress in her profession/area of interest. For the Community Spirit Award, emphasis is placed on the nominee's volunteerism within the community. For the Mayor's Pioneer Award, emphasis will be placed on overall involvement in the community and women's progress.

There are two ways to nominate: hard copy nomination form through regular mail, or online at www.youjudgeit.org/inthecompany.

Hard copy nomination forms will not be accepted via email or any other digital format.

- Complete attached hard copy nomination form.
- Submit **nine copies** of a complete nomination package to include:
 1. Hard copy nomination form
 2. Nominee's resume
 3. No more than three supporting documents such as recommendation letters, newspaper or magazine articles, etc. If submitting recommendation letters, the letters must be from persons other than the nominator.
- Nomination packages must be postmarked by **October 14, 2016**.
- Mail nomination packages to:
Laura Morilla, Executive Director
Miami-Dade County Commission for Women
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1034, Miami, FL 33128.

A committee of community leaders will review nomination packages in order to determine the nominee's eligibility.

- Nomination packets that fail to include these items and/or do not meet the application deadline will automatically be disqualified.
- Past recipients of the In the Company of Women Award are not eligible.
- The nominee **MUST** be willing/able to accept the award on March 8, 2017, or send a representative on her behalf.

For more information and for a list of past award recipients, please visit <http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/company-of-women.asp> or contact Laura Morilla at 305-375-4967 or morilla@miamidade.gov.

Please keep a copy of this application for your records.

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TODAY'S DATE _____

Nominator's Contact Information

Nominator's Name _____

Affiliation/Business/Organization _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: Work or Cell _____ Home _____

Email Address _____

Nominee's Contact Information

Nominee's Name _____

Affiliation/Business/Organization _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: Work or Cell _____ Home _____

Email Address _____

Award Categories

You may nominate one person per form. Please select one category for the person you are nominating from the list below. You may attach your typed responses to the nomination form.

- Outstanding Woman in Arts & Entertainment**
- Outstanding Woman in Government & Law**
 - Elected Official
 - Other
- Outstanding Woman in Business & Economics**
- Outstanding Woman in Health & Human Services**
- Outstanding Woman in Communications & Literature**
- Outstanding Woman in Science & Technology**
- Outstanding Woman in Education & Research**
- Outstanding Woman in Sports & Athletics**
- Community Spirit Award** — *The Community Spirit Award recognizes an outstanding woman who, through volunteerism and service, has made a difference within the community. No specific professional background is required for this nomination*
- Posthumous Award** — *Posthumous Award is in honor of a woman who has passed away and recognizes her accomplishments within Miami-Dade County.*
- Mayor's Pioneer Award** — *The Pioneer Award honors a trailblazer who has proven leadership, creativity, and vision in addressing community issues and advancing the status of women in Miami-Dade County for at least the past 10 years. For this nomination you must also submit recommendation letters from three individuals.*

1. Please provide a biography of the nominee. *(100 words or less)*

2. Why is this nominee deserving of this award? *(100 words or less)*

3. List the nominee's honors, awards, and board experience.

4. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ACCOMPLISHMENTS *(500 words or less)*

Briefly describe any professional accomplishments, achievements, industry recognition and contributions to her chosen field.

5. COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY *(500 words or less)*

Briefly describe her community involvement, volunteer activities, and impact on social, educational, economic and cultural spheres.

6. LEADERSHIP AND VISION *(500 words or less)*

Briefly describe her ability to motivate people, communication skills and how she has demonstrated innovative vision and ability to lead.

7. CONTRIBUTION TO WOMEN'S PROGRESS *(500 words or less)*

Briefly describe her ability to mentor and encourage women to enter or lead in her chosen profession, how she serves as a positive role model and advocates for women's advancement.

8. PROMOTION OF PLURALISM *(500 words or less)*

Briefly describe how she encourages pluralistic programs in the community, involvement in bridge building and encourages communication among diverse ethnic/cultural groups.