



The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce will present the prestigious ATHENA Leadership Award® to an exemplary leader from our community at our Annual Gala in April 2023.

The ATHENA Leadership Award® is presented to individuals who have attained and embody the highest level of professional excellence in their business or profession, devote time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community and actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential.

The ATHENA Leadership Award is administered by ATHENA International, a non-profit women's leadership organization, in partnership with licensed host organizations and sponsors. Over 7,000 awards have been presented in over 500 communities in the United States and around the world since the programs' inception in 1982. Nominations are sought throughout the community and across professional sectors, and the Recipient is selected by a diverse group of local community leaders based on the criteria above.

Please use the enclosed ATHENA Leadership Award® Nomination Form to let us know about potential ATHENA Recipients. **The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2023 and forms can be emailed to ariel@sumterchamber.com**

ATHENA Leadership Awards® illuminate the leaders and leadership styles our business and professional community would emulate. We are looking forward to a successful ATHENA celebration, and welcome and thank you for your participation.



The ATHENA® Leadership Award

Nomination Instructions

The ATHENA Leadership Award celebrates exemplary leadership and is reflective of a quote by Plato: *What is honored in a country will be cultivated there.* Over 7,000 Recipients have been honored with the ATHENA Leadership Award since the program's inception in 1982. Presented to leaders across professional sectors, the ATHENA Leadership Award's rich history, international scope and focus on mentorship distinguish it as one of the most prestigious leadership awards one can receive.

THE CRITERIA

ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees must meet each of the following three criteria:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession
- Provide valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community
- Actively assist women in achieving their full leadership potential

QUALIFICATIONS

- ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees may represent either the profit or not-for-profit sector.
- Previous ATHENA Leadership Award Recipients are not eligible for nomination, however past nominees may be nominated again.
- There is no minimum or maximum age qualification that must be met by ATHENA Leadership Award Nominees.

COMPLETING THE FORM

- You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination.
- Nominations for the ATHENA Leadership Award must be submitted using this nomination form and format.
- You may include supporting documents (articles, testimonials, etc) with your completed nomination form.
- **Deadline for submission: February 1, 2023**

THE PROCESS

A Selection Committee, made up of a diverse group of community leaders, will review all nominations and select the ATHENA Leadership Award Recipient. The Recipient will be announced at the Annual Gala in April 2023.

QUESTIONS

Contact: Ariel Floyd at ariel@sumterchamber.com or (803) 775-1231.



[Return completed form to ariel@sumterchamber.com](mailto:ariel@sumterchamber.com)



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NOMINEE

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Company/Organization _____

Title/Position _____

Business Address _____

NOMINATOR

Name _____

Company/Organization _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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I. PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP:

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession.

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II. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP:

Provide specific examples of how the nominee provides valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community. Include type and length of service in civic and service organizations and initiatives.

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III. PERSONAL LEADERSHIP/MENTORSHIP:

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has actively assisted women in achieving their full leadership potential, and/or demonstrated support for their personal and professional advancement.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA:

Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. Include awards, honors, publications, articles and/or testimonials that demonstrate service to their profession, community, and, most importantly, aspiring and established women leaders.

In order for your nominee to be considered, all parts of the nomination form must be filled out. Please email your completed form to ariel@sumterchamber.com by February 1, 2023.