Rockford Network of Professional Women
Professional Woman of Impact Award
Nomination Application — 2027

Celebrating women who uplift others, strengthen our communities, and empower women to thrive.

About the Award

The Professional Woman of Impact Award is presented annually by the Rockford Network of Professional Women (RNPW) to recognize an exceptional woman who makes a meaningful difference through community involvement, service, leadership, and a commitment to the advancement and empowerment of women throughout the Stateline Area.

This award celebrates women who lead with purpose, give generously of their time and talents, support others, and create positive change in their communities.

Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must:

- Be a woman aged 23 or older at the time of nomination.
- Live and/or work in the Stateline Area.
- Demonstrate meaningful community involvement, leadership, service, or advocacy.
- Show a commitment to supporting, advancing, or empowering women.

RNPW membership is not required.

SECTION 1: NOMINEE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Professional Title or Role: _____

Organization, Business, or Affiliation: _____

City: _____

County: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Age Eligibility Confirmation:
☐ I confirm that the nominee is at least 23 years old.

Does the nominee live and/or work in the Stateline Area?
☐ Yes

Is the nominee a member of RNPW?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

SECTION 2: NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Your Full Name: _____

Organization or Business (if applicable): _____

Relationship to Nominee:

☐ Friend or Family Member
☐ Colleague or Coworker
☐ Supervisor or Employer
☐ Community Partner
☐ Fellow Volunteer
☐ RNPW Member
☐ Self-Nomination
☐ Other: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

SECTION 3: NOMINATION QUESTIONS

Please provide specific examples that demonstrate the nominee's impact. Responses should focus on actions, contributions, and outcomes rather than job title or professional status alone.

1. Community Impact — 30 Points

Describe how the nominee contributes to the Stateline Area community.

Consider volunteerism, nonprofit involvement, civic engagement, charitable initiatives, community leadership, advocacy, or other efforts that improve the lives of others.

Please share specific examples of her contributions, the people or organizations she has helped, and the difference her involvement has made.

Response:

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2. Advancement and Support of Women — 30 Points

How does the nominee support, empower, mentor, or advocate for women?

Consider how she creates opportunities for women, shares knowledge and resources, encourages other women, supports women-owned businesses, mentors emerging leaders, or helps women overcome barriers.

Please provide specific examples of how she has helped other women grow, succeed, or feel supported.

Response:

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3. Leadership and Influence — 25 Points

Describe how the nominee demonstrates leadership and positively influences others.

Leadership may be demonstrated through formal positions or informal actions. Consider how she brings people together, inspires action, builds relationships, leads initiatives, solves problems, or encourages others to contribute to a shared goal.

Please provide examples of how her leadership has influenced individuals, organizations, or the community.

Response:

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4. Professional/Personal Initiative and Character — 15 Points

What qualities or actions make this nominee especially deserving of recognition?

Consider her integrity, compassion, initiative, perseverance, generosity, willingness to serve, or ability to turn ideas into meaningful action. Professional accomplishments may be included when they demonstrate these qualities or contribute to the greater good.

Please explain what distinguishes her and why her contributions deserve recognition.

Response:

SECTION 4: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Is there anything else the selection committee should know about this nominee?

Share any additional accomplishments, community contributions, personal qualities, or circumstances that provide context for her impact.

Response (optional):

Optional Supporting Materials:

☐ Letter of support included
☐ Additional testimonial included
☐ No additional materials

Supporting materials are optional and should provide relevant examples of the nominee's impact.

SECTION 5: NOMINATOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this nomination is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Rockford Network of Professional Women's selection committee will review nominations and evaluate nominees according to the published award criteria.

Nominator Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions

Submit the completed nomination application to:

Rockford Network of Professional Women
Submission Email: awards@rockfordnetwork.org
Nomination Deadline: **January 15, 2027**

Selection Process

Nominations are open now and close January 15, 2027. A RNPW selection committee will review nominations and select the recipient, who will be recognized at our Professional Development Day in April 2027.

We encourage you to start thinking about the women in your lives, workplaces, and communities who deserve recognition. She may be a mentor, a volunteer, a community advocate, or simply someone who consistently makes life better for others.

Together, we can shine a light on the women who uplift others, strengthen our communities, and empower women to thrive.