



Dear Candidate and Sponsor:

Thank you for your interest in the Outstanding Working Women of Illinois Award. This award, sponsored by the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW), is the most prestigious given by our Federation. It is one of the highest honors available to working women in Illinois.

It is not only an honor to be chosen from among the outstanding women in Illinois, but also by IFBPW, the state's preeminent organization for working women, founded in 1921. With close to 500 members in 38 local organizations across the state, IFBPW promotes equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. IFBPW includes among its members women and men of every age, religion, race, political party and socio-economic background. Member benefits include but are not limited to the following: networking opportunities, educational opportunities, legislative information, and legislative visibility.

Any individual or organization in Illinois may submit a nomination for this award. Up to three recipients will be selected. The awards will be presented at the IFBPW State Convention in Bloomington, IL at The Chateau April 24, 2010. An impartial panel of qualified judges will select the recipients of the awards according to the enclosed criteria. Winners will be notified no later than March 15th, the month prior to convention.

Please read through the entire informational packet prior to entering any data. Be sure to follow the nomination rules exactly. Any deviation from the rules will cause the nominee to become ineligible. You may prepare the biographical information on separate sheets of paper, but please include the information set forth in the guidelines in the order it is shown to aid the judges in comparing entries. The application may be mailed or emailed or both. Emailed forms requiring signatures must include those signatures. **THE ENTRY DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 14, 2010. ANY APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED OR EMAILED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.** (It is advisable to submit the application early in the event it is returned for being incomplete.)

Send completed applications to the following: Sylvia Mahle
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Best regards,

Sylvia Mahle, Chair
Outstanding Working Women of Illinois

p.s. Thank you for your interest and good luck. Your participation in this program makes us all winners!

OUTSTANDING WORKING WOMEN of ILLINOIS AWARD APPLICATION

NOMINATION RULES

The nominee will:

- 1. Reside or work in Illinois.
- 2. Not be a previous Outstanding Working Woman of Illinois Award recipient. (They are ineligible for this Award.)
- 3. Not be a member of the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's Board of Directors. (They are ineligible for this Award.)
- 4. Submit a \$50.00 entry fee with the nomination. The check should be made payable to the IFBPW.
- 5. Provide one (1) 5 x 7" high quality, color, head and shoulder photograph in a hard copy and/or an electronic version via email.
- 6. Provide a completed, typewritten, biographical information sheet (FORM A) which includes:
 - a) Career achievements and recognition for professional service, including professional organizations, leadership roles and other honors.
 - b) Achievements and recognition for community service, including community organizations, leadership roles, and other honors.
 - c) Political activities.
 - d) Achievements and contributions with regard to women's issues.
 - e) Recognition, contributions, and influence beyond the local level. Please designate regional, state, national, and international activities.
- 7. As desired, provide supporting evidence to biographical information such as newspaper clippings, certificates, letters of reference, etcetera NOT TO EXCEED TEN (10) typewritten pages.
- 8. Sign a statement supporting the IFBPW Legislative Platforms (FORM B).
- 9. Sign a statement attesting to the truth of all information presented in the nomination material (FORM C).
- 10. Submit ONE (1) COPY of the nomination packet to the OWWI Chair postmarked and/or emailed no later than February 14th 2010. Any nomination postmarked and/or emailed after this date will not be considered. Emailed forms requiring signatures must contain those signatures.

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AWARD CRITERIA

Each nominee will be judged upon her:	Point Value
1. Education.....	10
2. Professional/personal improvement.....	10
3. Career achievements and recognition for professional service.....	25
4. Achievements and recognition for community service.....	15
5. Achievements and contributions with regard to women's issues.....	20
6. Regional, state, national, & international contributions & influence.....	20

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (Form A)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

PHONE _____

(Home) (Work) (Other)

EDUCATION:

High School _____

Address _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

College/University _____

Degree/Diploma _____ Years Completed _____

Address _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL/PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT:

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Present Job _____

Employer _____

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Titles and responsibilities: _____

Previous employment: _____

Achievements and honors: _____

ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE:

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:

ACHIEVEMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AREA OF WOMEN'S ISSUES:

REGIONAL, STATE, NATIONAL, & INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS & INFLUENCE:



ATTACHMENT B
STATEMENT SUPPORTING IFBPW LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM
2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

ADOPTED April 2009, Bloomington, IL State Convention

Preamble

The Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment shall be first, foremost and above all other items which may appear on the Legislative Platform of this Federation until equal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution, because the fundamental law of the land is embodied in the Constitution of the United States and all statutory rights are derived there from.

Action Items

The members of the Illinois Federation will concentrate on the following action items:

Item I: Actively work to secure equal opportunities in education and employment to achieve self-sufficiency for all women.

Item II: Actively work to secure improvements in health issues for women to include:

1. The availability of reproductive choices; and
2. The coverage of preventive maintenance, prenatal care and long term care in Medicaid and Medicare; and
3. Expanding research on diseases that primarily affect women.

Item III: Actively work for Victim's rights by:

1. Educating individuals that all forms of harassment and violence against women, children and the elderly is unacceptable behavior; and
2. Promoting support services and facilities for survivors of violence; and
3. Supporting legislation which provides compensatory and punitive damage awards to victims.

Item IV: Actively work to secure affordable, quality dependent care for all ages.

Item V: Actively study and make recommendations on the proposals for Social Security Reform.

Item VI: Actively support the appointment of qualified women to policy level positions and the election of qualified individuals to public office who endorse the Federation objectives.

I have read the foregoing IFBPW Legislative Platform and support this platform.

Date: _____ Signature of Nominee: _____



FORM C

STATEMENT ATTESTING TO THE TRUTH OF INFORMATION

Having read this nomination packet carefully, I attest to the truth of all statements made therein.

Date: _____ Signature of Nominee: _____