

Sixteenth Annual



Women of Distinction



Presented by Girl Scouts and BP Exploration

Objectives of the Women of Distinction Program:

1. To recognize women from Fairbanks and surrounding communities in northern Alaska who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional, family and/or personal endeavors.
2. To highlight women's achievements in our community, providing girls and young women with positive role models.
3. To fund programs, purchase equipment, and increase resources for the Farthest North Girl Scouts.

The awards committee will consider nominations of women who have contributed to the Fairbanks or northern Alaska communities through professional, family and/or personal endeavors. Current Farthest North Girl Scout Board members cannot be considered for nomination.

Awards Criteria:

- Candidate has demonstrated sustained excellence, accomplishment, and creativity in the sphere of her chosen profession, in her family and/or in her personal endeavors.
- Candidate has demonstrated qualities of leadership, integrity, dedication, and motivation in the community.
- Candidate has demonstrated qualities of teamwork and a willingness to share her own skills and expertise in the accomplishment of goals.
- Candidate has demonstrated qualities which would encourage other women to view her as a role model.
- Candidate has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of life in the community through work-related or volunteer involvement.
- Candidate must be available to attend a photo shoot the week of Feb. 27 and have her photo in the newspaper; attend an Awards Dinner in her honor on May 3 and reception April 26; and be receptive to the possibility of presenting her achievements to area Girl Scouts to inspire the next generation.

Please answer in full the questions on the reverse side of this page. Answers to these questions are the major information used for selection. Please be detailed, specific, and where applicable, cite examples.

Nominations must be received **by 5:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17, 2012.**



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Presentation of awards will take place at the 16th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Dinner on May 3, 2012. For additional information or assistance, call the Farthest North Girl Scout Council Office – 456-4782.

Woman of Distinction Nomination Form

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Please print or type

Date _____

Name of Nominee _____

Business/Professional Affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Home _____ Work _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Please answer the following questions in detail and explain why you believe the nominee should be given the Women of Distinction Award. Favorable applications demonstrate a broad variety of accomplishments, fill five pages and demonstrate wide support. **Total application cannot exceed 5 single-sided pages, not including this cover sheet. Additional pages beyond 5 will be discarded.**

1. What are her accomplishments in her profession, within the community, in her family and/or personal endeavors? Please include as much information as possible. You may include information such as achievements early in life and/or obstacles overcome during her life.
2. How has the nominee shared her expertise and resources with others in the accomplishment of goals?
3. How has the nominee exhibited and demonstrated leadership and teamwork qualities, which have encouraged other women to view her as a role model?
4. What specific leadership qualities has the nominee demonstrated and how have these qualities benefited her colleagues, her organization, or the community?

Would you like your nomination to be kept confidential? Yes ___ No ___

Name of Nominator _____ Relationship to Nominee _____

Business/Organization Affiliation _____ Title (if applicable) _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Business _____ Home or cell _____

How did you find out about Women of Distinction? Television ___ Radio ___ Newspaper ___
Other _____

Thank You!

Deadline-nominations must be received by **5:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17, 2012.**
The Honorees will be announced on Monday, February 27 on the Girl Scout website

- This form may be copied -

Download this form at www.fairbanksgirlscouts.org

Writing Tips from the Selection Committee

Thank you for taking time to nominate a woman of distinction that you know.

Over the years, people have asked how best to describe the person they want to nominate, or how to include comments from several people. Here are a few ideas that may help you.

- Assume that the submitted nomination is the only information used to make a decision. The committee who reviews the nominations works hard to base their decisions on the written information provided rather than personal knowledge or awareness through the media.
- Describe the whole person. Knowing how well they do their job is important, but it is only part of the picture of why your candidate deserves to be honored. The nomination form asks you to answer specific questions that help you think about how your candidate lives her life.
- If you want to include comments from other people who know her, you could include letters from others, insert quotes from people, or list paragraphs from other people. This isn't required, but the question often is asked because of the limit in the number of pages you can use.
- Save a copy of your nomination in case you want to expand it and resubmit it again. You have an advantage of an early start for the next year! There are many times when the final decision feels like a tie-breaker. The number of nominations submitted varies. It is entirely appropriate to resubmit or modify a nomination for the next year. Check if the questions asked on the nomination form have changed.
- Consider whether you want to share the nomination with the candidate at any point. Sometimes the nominees are very surprised at what was written about them.

These suggestions are offered as encouragement by the committee who has the difficult job of selecting four people out of a stack of well-deserving candidates. Drawing attention to these individuals as role models for Girl Scouts and our community fosters our great community spirit and citizenship. Thank you again for nominating a woman for this honor and for supporting this worthwhile endeavor to acknowledge and celebrate wonderful women in Alaska.