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2016 Maryland Women of Tomorrow

Call for Nominations

The Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly are seeking recommendations of outstanding young women from Maryland for the 2016 Women of Tomorrow Awards. Four honorees will be selected, two middle school students and two high school students.

The Women of Tomorrow Awards program was established in 1997 to recognize young women who have achieved records of academic excellence, extraordinary community service and outstanding leadership. Commissioners Wandra Ashley-Williams and Lorna Forde are co-chairing the 2016 Women of Tomorrow.

Schools, individuals and organizations in Maryland are invited to nominate young women for this award. An independent committee representing a cross section of the state will review the nominations and make the final selection of honorees.

The honorees will be recognized at a ceremony in Annapolis in March 2016, when the inductees into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame will also be honored. Each honoree will receive a beautiful crystal award etched with her name. She will also receive certificates and citations from prominent elected officials.

To submit a nomination for the 2016 Women of Tomorrow Award, please review the attached criteria and instructions, complete the nomination form along with any attachments via email (preferred) or U.S. Mail to the office of the Maryland Commission for Women by 4 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2015.

Complete nomination packets should be emailed to:

judith.vaughan-prather@maryland.gov

Or mailed to:

**Maryland Commission for Women
Att: Women of Tomorrow Program
51 Monroe Street, Suite 1034
Rockville, MD 20850**

Only complete nomination packets complying fully with the attached instructions will be considered. Please direct any questions to the Commission's office at 301-610-4524.

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Nomination Criteria

Nominees must:

- Currently reside in Maryland
- Have lived in the state for at least five years
- Be students in grades 6 – 8 (Middle School) or grades 9 – 12 (High School)
- Have demonstrated academic excellence, extraordinary community service and outstanding leadership

Nominators may not be a relative of the nominee.

Individuals may nominate only one candidate each year.

Honorees will be selected by merit, not by endorsement.

Instructions for Submitting Nominations

Complete the nomination packet in full. All materials must be neatly typed and clearly legible. Electronic submissions are preferred.

The nominator should complete sections A, B and C of the packet, and the nominee should complete Section D, the essays.

Up to two letters of recommendation may be included. Recommendation letters must be typed and submitted as part of the nomination packet. Nomination packets may include supporting documents such as news media articles or the student's own work. Please keep all information as concise as possible.

Nomination packets may not exceed 10 pages.

Nominations packets become the property of the Maryland Commission for Women and will not be returned.

Information included in the nomination packet may be published in the program book for the awards ceremony and may be posted on the Maryland Commission for Women's website or other social media.

Incomplete packets or those received after 4 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2015 will not be considered.



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PART A: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Nominee's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Length of Maryland Residency:** _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Nominee's Cell Phone:** _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Relative's Home Telephone: _____ **Work Telephone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____

Relative's Email Address: _____

Received by the Maryland Commission for Women Date: _____

Time: _____

As Nominator, please provide the following information:

Name of Nominator: _____

Title of Nominator: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

You may provide two references from individuals who are knowledgeable of the nominee's achievements and character:

References:

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Or mail to:

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PART B: CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

Please provide information about the nominee for the following criteria.

Criterion 1: Pursuit of Academic Excellence

The nominee has an exceptional academic record and/or has demonstrated significant effort towards achieving her full academic potential.

Current Year's Grade Point Average: _____ **On Scale of:** _____

Please list other academic factors, i.e., vocational fields, in-depth studies, honors or AP courses.

Criterion 2: Leadership

Please describe the nominee's leadership role in school and/or community activities, her demonstrated ability to inspire others and generate enthusiasm, and describe how she leads with her actions such as volunteering, expressing individuality, and her dedication to her work.

Criterion 3: Extraordinary Community Service

Please tell us about the nominee's volunteer activities, above and beyond school-required community service:

Exceptional Background

Has the nominee experienced any special challenges in her life that makes her achievements even more extraordinary?

Please describe:

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Part C: Biographical Sketch of Nominee (if selected will be utilized in program booklet)

*(Highlighting academic, extracurricular school and community activities, aspirations for the future-
250 words or less)*

