



Blue Water Woman of the Year Nomination Form/Instructions

The Blue Water Woman of the Year Awards will honor women who reside in the Blue Water Area of Michigan who demonstrate excellence and achievement as a result of participation in their profession or passion. Women nominated might be VOLUNTEERS, MENTORS, PROFESSIONALS or COMMUNITY LEADERS.

The 2027 Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2027 at the McMorran Place Theatre.

Award Criteria:

Nominees must meet each of the following criteria:

--The nominee must demonstrate excellence, creativity and innovation in her professional, volunteer, mentoring, passion or educational endeavors.

--Blue Water Woman is proudly an open and inclusive LGBTQIA+ friendly publication that promotes Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) of all kinds, ranging from race to gender identity. We are a proud member of the Port Huron Branch of the NAACP. **We honor women whose minds and hearts are open and who believe in inclusiveness in their personal and professional lives.**

Nominators:

--IMPORTANT NOTE TO NOMINATORS: We ask that all nominators commit to making sure there are at least 20 people in attendance at the awards reception to help your nominee receive the recognition she deserves. If you are unwilling or unable to help bring people to the event, it is suggested that you allow someone else to nominate this deserving woman.

What better way to feel special than to have your own fan club/cheering section sitting in the audience? Nominators will be asked to become involved in contacting friends, family members and colleagues of the award recipients in order to help increase attendance at the event. It's not much of a party if each award recipient has only one or two people in attendance wishing them well. **And sadly, this has happened.** So, your help is desperately needed to ensure your nominee receives the accolades she deserves. 😊

--SECOND IMPORTANT NOTE TO NOMINATORS: We ask that you check with someone close to your nominee to make sure she will be available to attend the awards ceremony. This is a "must be present to win" situation. 😊 The 2027 Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2027 at the McMorran Place Theatre.

--Women can be nominated by both men and women.

--Women must be current residents of a geographic area commonly known as the "Blue Water Area" meaning they must either live, work or volunteer in St. Clair County, Michigan (residence in the county is not necessary if they work or volunteer here). Adult women of all ages will be considered.

--**Nominators must complete the Blue Water Woman of the Year Award form.** If a form is not completed, the nomination will not be accepted.

--Nominations cannot be handwritten, but they can be reproduced/retyped and EMAILED to Blue Water Woman so the nominator can type the responses. The format of the form MUST be followed. DO NOT MAIL THROUGH US POSTAL SERVICE.

--A letter of nomination from the nominator and a resume of the nominee can also be submitted, which can include a list of her community/civic involvement, so long as detailed information is provided.

--Please do not submit "scrapbooks" or videos or multiple letters of nomination or other "flashy" gimmicky items to sway the judges. They will not be accepted.

--All nominations MUST follow these typed instructions: All typed pages submitted as part of the nomination should be no less than single spaced, using no less than 1" margins, in a minimum of 10 point Times New Roman type. Using smaller type or smaller margins will disqualify the nomination.

Honoring the Award Winners:

Those selected for awards will be notified by Blue Water Woman in January 2026. All will be featured in a story in the Spring 2027 issue of the magazine. All will be honored at a public reception (open to men and women) in March 2027 in Port Huron. IMPORTANT: **The award recipients MUST be willing to be interviewed and photographed by Blue Water Woman staff. Award recipients cannot provide their own photographs and they are not allowed to view the photos taken nor the story written about them prior to publication.**

Deadline for submissions:

Submissions must be received by email or snail mail no later than **Friday, January 8, 2027**. Submissions must be emailed to: pjsamar@aol.com.

Nominator:

Nominator's Name:

Nominator's Address:

Nominator's Day Phone: ()

Nominator's Email:

Nominator's Business/Title:

City: State: Zip:

Nominator's Evening Phone: ()

Nominee:

Nominee's Name:

Nominee's Home Address:

Nominee's Business Address:

Nominee's Day Phone: ()

Nominee's Email:

Nominee's Business/Title:

City: State: Zip:

City: State: Zip:

Nominee's Evening Phone: ()

Please complete the nomination form below:

1. Explain, on no more than one typed page (single spaced, using 1" margins, in a minimum of 10 point Times New Roman type), why you are nominating this individual and why you believe she is deserving of this recognition. Please use as many specific examples of her success in her nominated area as possible. Please state her full name (first and last name) in the first paragraph. (Separate sheet can be used; please type "1." at the top).
2. What other achievements, outside of this area of nomination, has this woman accomplished?
3. What else would you like the selection committee to know about the nominee?
4. **Please provide a list of three Blue Water Area references who can vouch for the validity of factual claims by the nominations (especially those pertaining to professional success or community involvement).** Please provide this on a separate sheet with the first and last name of the reference, the title of the reference, and relationship to the nominee (ie: president and CEO who oversees the work of the nominee; friend of the nominee since childhood; work supervisor of the nominee; husband of the nominee, etc.).

Please provide a phone number and an email address where the references can be reached during business hours. **Judges and/or staff of Blue Water Woman may reach out to references to verify information.** Keep in mind judges are not residents of the Blue Water Area and have expressed an interest in being able to verify information, especially information pertaining to professional success. PLEASE NOTE: Nominations based on a nominee's personal accomplishments (ie: a woman who climbs a mountain, sails across the ocean solo, overcomes great physical or mental challenges/disabilities) that are more difficult to verify by an employer or other such source, are also welcome.

Please complete this form and return it via email, along with the letter of nomination from the nominator, to:
Patti Samar, Editor/Publisher
pjsamar@aol.com

All documents MUST be emailed/received by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2027. When emailing, all documents MUST be saved as pdf files and MUST be zipped together in one folder. **Please do NOT email multiple emails and/or multiple documents for one nominee. If you do, the nomination will be disqualified.**

Blue Water Woman reserves the right to refuse nominations for consideration without cause. All decisions are final and are subject to approval by *Blue Water Woman*. Why? Because we said so. ;)