

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 Women's Clubs, Incorporated (IFBWC), 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 IFBWC, the state's preeminent organization for working women, founded in 1919. With approximately 125 members in 8 local organizations across the state, IFBWC advocates professional and personal growth, leadership development and participation, equity, and economic self-sufficiency for working women through education, legislation, and networking. IFBWC 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. One or more recipient(s) will be selected. Presentation of the in-person award(s) will be made during IFBWC State Convention April 26-27, 2024 in Effingham, Illinois. 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 30, 2024.

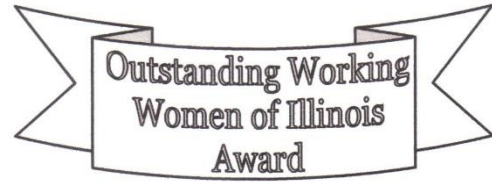
Please read through the entire informational packet prior to entering any data. Be sure to follow the nomination rules exactly. Any deviation from the rules will cause the nominee to become ineligible. You may prepare the biographical information on separate sheets of paper, but please include the information 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 15, 2024. 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 OWWI Chair, 617 Oakdale Drive, Centralia, IL 62801. E-mail traveler3.sm@gmail.com

In closing, thank you in advance for taking the time to recognize an outstanding working woman from your area! Your interest and participation are what makes this program a success!

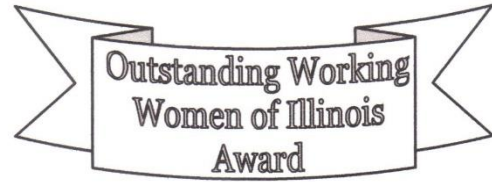
Sincerely yours,
Sylvia Mahle

Outstanding Working Women of Illinois Chair



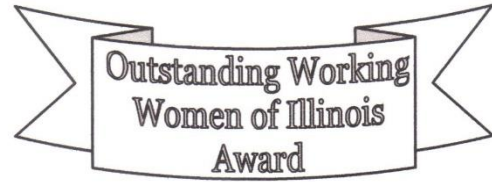
The nominee will:

- 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 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 IFBW.
- 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 State, national, and international activities.
- 7. As desired, provide supporting evidence to biographical information such as newspaper clippings, certificates, letters of reference, etc. **NOT TO EXCEED TEN (10) typewritten pages** for the complete application and supporting documents.
- 8. Sign a statement acknowledging the IFBW Legislative Platform (page 7).
- 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 15, 2024**. Any nomination postmarked and/or emailed after this date will not be considered. Emailed forms requiring signatures must contain those signatures.



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. State, national, & international contributions & influence.....	20



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:



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
(FORM A CONTINUED)

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Present Job _____

Employer _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Titles and responsibilities: _____

Previous employment: _____

Achievements and honors: _____

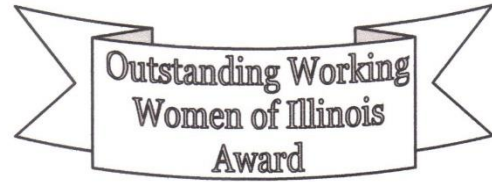


ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE:

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:

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

STATE, NATIONAL, & INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS & INFLUENCE:



ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

IFBW advocates professional and personal growth, leadership development and participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for working women through education, legislation and networking.

2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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.

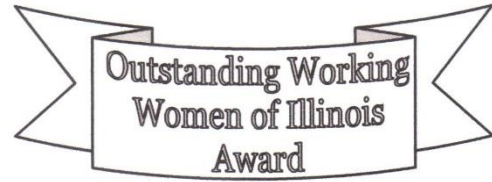
ACTION ITEMS:

The members of the Illinois Federation will support the Preamble and, additionally, concentrate on the following action items:

- Item I:** 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:** Work for Victim's rights using education, legislation, and social services.
- Item IV:** Work to secure affordable, quality dependent care for all ages.
- Item V:** Support the appointment and election of qualified women to public office.
- Item VI:** Support efforts to ensure women veterans receive the full extent of social services and job opportunities available.

I have read the foregoing IFBWC Legislative Platform and agree not to speak against it.

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 _____