

2024 NOMINATION PACKAGE

The Cold Lake Women of Influence Committee is pleased to again seek nominations to recognize the many women who contribute to our community.

Our Committee comprises a group of local women who have come together to celebrate International Women's Day and honour the various ways women enhance and invigorate the Cold Lake community. We seek to acknowledge women who use their strengths and abilities to further themselves, their families, their organizations and our community. Our Committee includes women from various professions filling many roles within the community. We recognize the multitude of ways in which women contribute to make Cold Lake the successful, flourishing community it is.

The deadline for completed nomination packages to be received is 4:00 pm on January 14, 2024. Each package must contain a completed nomination form and an explanation, in fewer than **500 words, of** why the Nominator believes that the Nominee deserves the award in the selected category. Judging will be based on the criteria of each category. In your nomination, please highlight the nominee's accomplishments relevant to the criteria of the category. Nominations can be completed online at www.womenofinfluencecoldlake.org, dropped off in person to the Committee in care of the Lakeland Centre for FASD at 4823 – 50 Street, Cold Lake, AB or emailed to nominations@womenofinfluencecoldlake.org. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel of five judges will chose one Women of Influence in each category. The Overall Woman of Influence will be selected by the judging panel from all of the nominations received.

Starting at 7:00 pm on March 8, 2024, the Cold Lake Women of Influence awards will be presented at the Cold Lake Agriplex. Tickets will be available online through Lakeland Connect, Facebook, and Eventbrite.ca at a cost of \$40 per ticket. For further information about the awards event, please visit our website at www.womenofinfluencecoldlake.org.

We thank you for your interest, look forward to receiving your nomination packages and hope to see you at the reception!

Regards,

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AWARD CATEGORIES:

ARTS & CULTURE

This award celebrates the achievements of a woman who has demonstrated artistic achievements or contributions to the cultural community. She has cultivated greater visibility and understanding of the value of the arts or worked to preserve and share her culture. She has encouraged excellence and built new leadership within her sphere and has inspired others to appreciate and share artistic and cultural endeavours.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL

This award celebrates the achievements of a successful woman within an established organization or her own business. She positively influences her workplace and profession and has been identified as a trendsetter by her peers. She has exhibited extraordinary leadership and growth to achieve her goals.

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEERISM

This award celebrates the achievements of a woman whose efforts have contributed to the well-being of her community and fellow community members through her employment and/or volunteerism. She exemplifies the spirit of community service, and demonstrates exemplary initiative, leadership and creativity in her service to others. She serves as a role model for others in the community and inspires others to engage in the volunteer service. She improves the overall quality of life of individuals and the community as a whole.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

This award recognizes a woman who contributes to our community's mental and/or physical health, either through employment or volunteerism. This woman sets a positive example for wellness and encourages others to lead a healthy, balanced lifestyle. She is energetic, positive and encouraging and inspires others to be the same.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

This award celebrates the achievements of a woman who has made significant contributions to the science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) sector. She has demonstrated innovation, curiosity and creativity in making a positive contribution to her individual field. She also engages with and communicates her practice to a broader community. Her contributions to the scientific and technological communities improve and evolve our society and she inspires future generations of women in science.

YOUNGER WOMAN

This award celebrates the achievements of a young woman in her academic years who is an inspirational role model in her academic achievements or community building roles. She demonstrates a capacity to influence and act as a catalyst for change. She represents a new generation of leaders in advocating for and giving a voice to younger women and their concerns.

OLDER WOMAN

This award celebrates a woman who has actively sought to influence the community in a positive way by starting something different or new in her later years. The focus isn't on past accomplishments or lifetime achievements, but on new accomplishments in which she is achieving excellence. She has demonstrated that a woman of any age can bring about change by actively seeking new ways to contribute to the good in society. Her life serves as an example of the benefits of active aging while helping to dispel the negative stereotypes of older age.

OVERALL WOMAN OF INFLUENCE

This award celebrates the achievements of a woman who has the tenacity, energy and fortitude to seek success for themselves, their employees and their communities. She has demonstrated outstanding leadership both with her company (organization) and her market, set the standards for originality, quality and successful management. She is a mentor, visionary, leader, successful woman, and, in all elements, a trailblazer in her field.

NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS:

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Write a compelling nomination: In a minimum of **150 words**, and having regard to the category descriptions, please detail why you believe the Nominee is deserving of the award in the selected category. Please highlight the Nominee's accomplishments relevant to the criteria of the category.

Tips for writing a compelling nomination:

There are always fewer honours and awards than people who deserve them. Because receiving honours and awards are so rare, they are reserved for people:

- who have achieved excellence in their field and/or made significant, observable changes or accomplishments in the lives of others?
- whose work has benefited the people of Cold Lake or anywhere in the world in their field or activity.

For your nomination to stand out against the many others we receive, you must explain and include evidence with **at least two** clear examples of what makes your nominee so exceptional and different from others doing the same thing.

Don't just say your nominee is outstanding – prove it!

It's important to use specific and concrete examples to illustrate how your nominee meets each of the eligibility and award criteria. Provide examples of how your nominee has demonstrated outstanding character and is a deserving candidate for the award. Judging will be based on the criteria of each category.

Show how they have:

encouraged and exemplified the virtue of good citizenship
touched or enriched the lives of others
shown ongoing initiative, leadership, and dedication
devoted themselves to sustained and selfless voluntary service
earned the respect of their peers and become a role model in their field
demonstrated innovation or creativity in delivering lasting results.
made this an outstanding achievement – indicate any extraordinary circumstances or challenges the nominee faced.

2024 NOMINATION FORM**NOMINEE:**

Name	
Phone Number	
Address	
Email	

NOMINATOR:

Name	
Phone Number	
Address	
Email	

CATEGORY:

Select the category that you think best applies to the woman nominated above. **

- Arts & Culture
- Business & Professional
- Community & Volunteerism
- Health & Wellness
- Science & Technology
- Older Woman

**Please note, that the Judging Committee reserves the right to move nominees among the various categories to which they may be suited.

