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2026 ATHENA AWARD NOMINATION APPLICATION

About the award:

The ATHENA Award actively supports and celebrates the ATHENA mission of supporting, developing, and honoring women leaders, inspiring women to achieve their full potential – creating balance in leadership worldwide, The ATHENA Award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, who excel in their chose field, devote time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and forge paths of leadership for women to follow.

The criteria:

ATHENA Recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession.
- Provide extensive community service locally, outside of what is required professionally.
- Has a leadership role and provides valuable service in their business or community
- Exhibits initiative and creativity enhancing the efficacy of business or profession and works toward stability and improvement of the community.
- Demonstrates support of the goals of professional women and provided unselfish assistance on their behalf with working towards the advancement of women in leadership/management roles including mentoring either professionally or educationally. Including serving as a role model and mentor for young women.

The process:

Nominators must fill out the attached Nomination Form. This form will be used for the selection process and be reviewed by the ATHENA Award Committee.

Applications for the ATHENA Award must be submitted to the Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce on this completed form. Please no “scrapbooks” or other supporting documents. The award shall be primarily judged upon the nominees who have contributed the most to their business profession and community.

Submission Due Date: Friday, October 16, 2025

Nominee's Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Company Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ **State:**_____**Zip:** _____

Application Submitted by: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Date:** _____

The ATHENA Award Recipient will be announced at the annual "Installation and Awards Dinner" being held on Saturday, January 23, 2027. The location will be announced by November.

Return completed applications by 5:00p.m., Friday, October 16, 2026, via email to: membership@keywestchamber.org. Completed forms can also be mailed to the Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce, 510 Greene Street, 1st Floor, Key West, FL 33040. For more information contact: (305) 294-2587.

The Award is sponsored by:

I. **Community Service:** Lifetime of extensive local, state, national, and international level participation. Include length of service and leadership offices held in civic and service organizations such as charitable activities, political pursuits, religious groups, chambers of commerce, merchants' associations, etc.

II. **Personal leadership:** Provide specific examples of how the nominee serves as a role model, mentor, and supporter for young women both personally and professionally.

III. **Professional leadership/accomplishments: Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated leadership, excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession.**

IV. **Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce Activity:** **Local committee work, special assignments, seminar activity, etc. Include offices held with dates and include involvement with another chamber if applicable. (Nominees do not have to be a member of the Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce.)**

V. **Additional information pertaining to criteria or candidate:** **Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of the nominee. List awards, honors received and publications or articles supporting service to their profession, industry, or community. Personal information is optional.**