

Alexandria Commission for Women 2016 Salute to Women Awards

The Alexandria Commission for Women is seeking nominations for the 36th Annual Salute to Women Awards. Each year, the Commission for Women celebrates Alexandria's outstanding women, men, and youth who have made a significant impact on women and girls in Alexandria. The awards ceremony and cocktail reception will be held on **Monday, March 28, 2015 at 6 p.m.** at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Madison Auditorium located at 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

2016 Awards Categories

The Susan Lowell Butler Lifetime Achievement Award - The Commission for Women created the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. The Commission named Susan Lowell Butler the first recipient of the award, posthumously, for her dedication to women's equality and well-being. Susan Lowell Butler served on the Commission for Women from 1997-2010 and chaired the Commission in 2001. The award, now named in Susan's honor, is to be given to a woman who has exhibited a lifetime commitment to advancing opportunities and/or enhancing the quality of life for women and/or girls in the City of Alexandria.

The Marguerite Payez Leadership Award - In 1983, the Commission established the Marguerite Payez Leadership Award as a tribute to the memory of and to recognize the valuable work Ms. Payez contributed to the community. Marguerite Payez was appointed to the Commission in 1979 and was active in our community until her death in 1982. This award will be given to a woman who, through volunteer work, has exhibited leadership qualities and has trained other women to assume leadership roles in the community. **Nominees for this award must be City of Alexandria residents.**

Women's Health and Safety Advocate Award - This award recognizes a woman who has made a significant contribution to the well-being of women by advocating for, teaching about or providing for women's health and safety in Alexandria. This award may be for work in areas such as breast cancer education, HIV/AIDS awareness, domestic violence, or sexual assault, among other possible areas of health and/or safety-related work.

Youth Community Services Award (Adult) - This award recognizes an adult woman who has tapped the leadership capacities of young people in our city. *Note: in any given year, two awards may be made, one to an adult and one to a young woman.*

Youth Community Services Award (Youth) - This award recognizes a young woman whose service activities provide a model for other women and/or girls in the community.

Leadership in Business and Career Development Award - This award recognizes either a woman business owner or a woman who has excelled in her field and has contributed her time and talent by providing career education and training opportunities for women and/or girls in the City of Alexandria. This award may also be given to a woman who, through her business or career, has made significant contributions in areas that directly impact the lives of women in Alexandria.

The Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy Award - This award recognizes a woman who has made a significant contribution to the status of women through advocating for issues of importance to women. This award may be for work in such areas as developing improvements in services offered by government or advocating for educational issues.

Making a Difference Award - This award honors a woman who serves as a change agent in her community or as a role model for other women. This award may be for work in such areas as helping women understand how they may effectively organize to create positive change in their own lives and in their communities.

The Vola Lawson Award - This award recognizes a City employee who, like Vola Lawson, advanced, improved or otherwise contributed to the status of women in the City of Alexandria during the course of his/her job. This award may be given to current City employees or those who have resigned or retired from City employment within the past two years.

Rising Star Award - This award recognizes an Alexandria woman with less than a total of five years of volunteer service in Alexandria who has made significant contributions to the well-being of the women in the Alexandria community, particularly through community service or volunteer projects.

Donna Bergheim Cultural Affairs Award - This award recognizes a woman for her artistic endeavors in facilitating creative expression and personal growth in women and/or girls in our community like Donna Bergheim, who passed away in 2010.

Past Salute to Women Winners

THIRTY FIFTH ANNUAL (2015)

Leadership in Business and Career Development Award

Making A Difference Award

Rising Star Award

Youth Community Services Award (Youth)

Youth Community Services Award (Adult)

Women's Health and Safety Advocate Award

The Marguerite Payez Award

Donna Bergheim Cultural Affairs Award

Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy Award

Vola Lawson Award

The Susan Lowell Butler Lifetime Achievement Award

Ashley McNeff Behrens

Ginny Hill-Obranovich

LaDonna Sanders

Zauhirah Tipu

Lorraine Friedman

Deputy Sheriff Valarie Wright

Cynthia Anderson

Joan Dagg Singer

Suzanne Maxey

Laurie Meyer (in memoriam)

Brooksie Koopman

Additional winners: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/dchs/info/default.aspx?ID=77274>

Nominations

Anyone may submit a nomination. The Commission wishes to embrace the full spectrum of contributions of those advancing aging issues. Nominators should submit the nomination form, which follows. The complete nomination packet must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2016**.

They can be:

- Emailed/Mailed/dropped off to: 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301, Attn: Ellen Lamm at 703-746-3132 or ellen.lamm@alexandriava.gov.

Nominations must be received electronically or postmarked by Friday, February 26, 2016. Incomplete forms and those received after the deadline will not be considered. Please select the award category or categories for each nominee. You have the option of selecting more than one category for each nominee. The Selection Committee reserves the right to place nominees in a category other than the category in which they are nominated.

Award Eligibility

- The nominee must be a resident of the City of Alexandria **or** the work for which he/she is being nominated must benefit girls and women in Alexandria.
- Members and applicants of the Commission for Women and members of the Friends of the Commission for Women board are **not** eligible.
- Department of Community and Human Services staff member(s) who work on programs under the purview of the Commission for Women are **not** eligible.
- Individuals who have previously won may not be nominated for the **same** award.
- Elected officials or candidates for office are **not** eligible.
- You may nominate a group of women for an award (defined as two or more women). Mixed gender groups are eligible only for the Youth Community Services Award for Youth. Adult men are only eligible for the Vola Lawson Award.

Nomination Form

Submission Date: _____

Nominee's First Name: _____ **Nominee's Last Name:** _____

Job Title: _____ **Organization/Company:** _____

Street Address: _____

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

Work Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

You may nominate only one person/group per form. To submit another nomination for an additional person/group, please complete a new form.

Award Categories

Select the category or categories for the person/group you are nominating from the list below:

- The Susan Lowell Butler Lifetime Achievement Award
- The Marguerite Payez Leadership Award
- Women's Health and Safety Advocate Award
- Youth Community Services Award (Adult)
- Youth Community Services Award (Youth)
- Leadership in Business and Career Development Award
- The Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy Award
- Making a Difference Award
- The Vola Lawson Award
- Rising Star Award
- Donna Bergheim Cultural Affairs Award

Briefly describe the nominee’s community involvement, volunteer activities, impact on social, educational, economic and/or cultural spheres in the City of Alexandria.

Describe how the nominee has made the community a better place for women and/or girls in Alexandria, including any programs, projects or other efforts that impact women and/or girls.

Briefly describe the nominee’s ability to mentor, serve as a role model or encourage women and/or girls. Explain how this individual is an inspiration to women and/or girls.

Additional comments that you deem relevant to the nominee’s application. This section is optional.

Nominator's Contact Information

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Affiliation/Association to Nominee: _____

I am submitting a nomination of behalf of a company or organization.

Name of Company/Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

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

Phone (AM): _____ **Phone (PM):** _____ **Cell:** _____

Email Address: _____

This form must be filled out completely so we may contact you if a question arises.
Thank you.