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2026 NOMINATION FORM

THE ATHENA AWARDS

The ATHENA Award, an internationally prized honor, recognizes women who demonstrate excellence in professional leadership, community service, and mentorship of future leaders. Each year, the Greater Phoenix Chamber ATHENA Awards highlight women at the top of their field, who demonstrate inspiring **leadership** within their industry, **mentor women** throughout their career, and dedicate themselves to **the community**.

The Greater Phoenix Chamber proudly hosts one of the most highly-regarded ATHENA Awards programs in the country. As the Chamber enters its 39th anniversary, 74 accomplished and compassionate Valley businesswomen have earned the title of ATHENA. Thousands more have been recognized as nominees and finalists for their immeasurable contributions to our community.

THE ROLE OF THE ATHENA AWARD RECIPIENTS

ATHENAs donate their time, talent and leadership skills to our community long after receiving their award. Ongoing involvement may include speaking engagements, acting as a spokesperson for the ATHENA program, writing guest editorials, mentoring future leaders, and continued participation in the Chamber's ATHENA program.

WHO IS AN ATHENA?

An ATHENA recipient must meet three specific criteria:

- **Leadership:** Demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession in the Greater Phoenix area.
- **Mentorship:** Assists others (both professionally and personally) in reaching their full leadership potential.
- **Community Service:** Provides valuable service by devoting consistent and continuous time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the Greater Phoenix community.

As the Greater Phoenix Chamber ATHENA Awards celebrates its 39th anniversary, we continue to honor women in the public sector, private sector, and up-and-coming ATHENA young professionals. One woman in each category will be named ATHENA.

TIME REQUIREMENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH

Nomination forms due by 5 p.m.

No extensions granted.

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

Application packets due by 5 p.m.

No extensions granted.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

ATHENA Nominee Reception (attendance recommended)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH

ATHENA Selection Committee panel interview, video interview, and photos (finalists only)

- 8–11 a.m. - Private Sector
- 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. - Public Sector

SEPTEMBER 16TH – 17TH

On-site video shoots (Public & Private sector finalists only)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

ATHENA Awards Luncheon at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge

- 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. - Finalist time commitment

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be able to meet the above time commitments.
- **Finalists** must support the ATHENA Awards event as a table host (**minimum of one \$1,750 table**).
- Individuals currently serving in a paid elected position are not eligible to participate. (e.g. state legislators are not eligible; school board members are eligible for consideration. Please contact athena@phoenixchamber.com with questions on eligibility.)

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2026 NOMINATION FORM (ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE: WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/ATHENANOMINATION26)

NOMINEE

Nominee name: _____

Job title: _____

Company name: _____

Preferred phone: _____

Email address: _____

Assistant or additional contact name (if applicable):

Assistant or additional contact email (if applicable):

Company social media handles:

Personal social media handles (not required):

NOMINEE CURRENTLY HOLDS A POSITION IN THE:

- PRIVATE SECTOR*** including for-profit corporations, entrepreneurs, and business-owners.
- PUBLIC SECTOR*** including nonprofit, not-for-profit, community service or foundation agencies, local, state or municipal agencies.
- *ATHENA Young Professional nominations must submit the Young Professional nomination form.*
- *Individuals currently serving in a paid, publicly-elected position are not eligible to participate.*

*The Chamber reserves the right to confirm correct category.

NOMINATOR

Nominator name: _____

Job title: _____

Company name: _____

Preferred phone: _____

Email address: _____

Affiliation with the nominee:

How did you hear about the ATHENA Awards?:

Please return nomination form by
FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH.

Once the nomination form is received, the nominee and nominator will receive the application packet.

Completed packets will be due by Friday, July 17th.

Submit nominations online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ATHENAnomination26 or email forms to athena@phoenixchamber.com

Questions? Contact athena@phoenixchamber.com