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2026 YOUNG PROFESSIONAL NOMINATION FORM

THE ATHENA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The Greater Phoenix Chamber's ATHENA Awards program recognizes and celebrates the achievements of businesswomen across the Greater Phoenix region. The ATHENA Young Professional Award, an internationally prized honor, **recognizes women who demonstrate excellence in professional leadership, community service, and role modeling for other young professionals.** These are women to watch.

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 YOUNG PROFESSIONAL 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 YOUNG PROFESSIONAL?

An ATHENA Young Professional recipient must meet four specific criteria:

- **Age:** 24–39.
- **Leadership:** Acts as an emerging leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession within the Greater Phoenix area.
- **Role Model:** Clearly serves as a role model or mentor for young people personally and professionally.
- **Community Service:** Provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.

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)

- 2:45–5 p.m. - Selection of recipient - Young Professional Award

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):

At the date of the event (October 29th), the nominee will be what age? _____

Individuals currently serving in a 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 Young Professional Award?

**PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORM BY FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH.
NO EXTENSIONS.**

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