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#### ■ OBJECTIVE

The Leading Girls Building Communities Recognition Program acknowledges and celebrates girls who demonstrate exceptional leadership in working to improve the lives of others in their schools or communities.

#### ■ NOMINATOR

MPPs nominate young women from their constituencies to the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues. Nominations require a minimum two letters of support of the nominee e.g. community member, mentor, teacher or coach. Please do not include letters of support from family members.

#### ■ ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nominees must be female and under 18 years of age at the time of nomination. Nominees will have demonstrated exceptional community leadership to improve the lives of others in their schools or communities. Volunteering should meet or exceed 80 hours - double the standard high school requirement.

Nominees must have achieved one or more of the following:

#### **1. Breaking down barriers and encouraging girls to get involved in non-traditional careers.**

##### Examples:

- Volunteering with the local police or fire department;
- Organizing and implementing a career fair that highlights opportunities for girls;
- Participating at the Ontario Bar Association Annual Mock Trial/High School Law Symposium;
- Organizing a peer group to support each other in science, engineering or IT activities;
- Advancing in the ranks in Air Cadets.

#### **2. Championing or being actively involved in promoting issues such as equality, diversity, healthy equal relationships, violence against women prevention and reducing racism and discrimination.**

##### Examples:

- Leading a school social club that promotes the awareness of diversity and equality issues and mentoring younger students;
- Participating on the school newspaper publication to explore and raise awareness of social issues;
- Starting an anti-violence club at school to encourage healthy equal relationships.

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### **3. Actively participating in a political process at any level such as Student Council, Model United Nations, the Ontario Legislature, or within the municipality.**

#### **Examples:**

- Serving as a Legislative Page at Queen's Park;
- Organizing and running model United Nations events;
- Sitting on a municipal youth committee/action team;
- Earning an award of distinction in a volunteering role through the municipality or a community organization;
- Leading and participating in public speaking debates/forums on social issues.

### **4. Acting as a positive role model by mentoring, coaching, volunteering and/or by providing a positive example to others in their communities.**

#### **Examples:**

- Volunteering, advocating, raising awareness through food drives, fundraisers, book clubs, and theatre;
- Fundraising to raise awareness of global issues (healthcare, disaster relief);
- Mentoring younger girls as an assistant instructor of mixed martial arts or other non-traditional sports;
- Organizing a sports house league and encouraging the participation of girls.

## ■ PROCESS

Complete nomination forms in print or electronically and submit by fax or email to:

The Honourable Laurel Broten  
Minister Responsible for Women's Issues  
Mowat Block, 900 Bay Street, 22nd Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1L2  
Attention: Gabrielle Gallant  
Fax: 416-325-2608

MPPs are encouraged to approach their community members, local schools, and volunteer organizations to identify nominees. While all nomination forms will be reviewed, only nominees who have met the eligibility criteria will be recognized.

A Certificate of Recognition and a letter from the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues will be mailed to each recipient. The letter will also acknowledge the nominating MPP.

The Certificate of Recognition and letter from the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues can be mailed directly to MPPs who either wish to mail them personally to the recipient(s) or who wish to present them to the recipient(s) at a presentation ceremony.

## ■ DEADLINE

MPPs may submit nominations up to **January 27, 2012**. There is no limit to the number of nominations an MPP can submit.

# N O M I N A T I O N F O R M

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street number and name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/Town)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Province)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Postal Code)

Nominee Telephone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominating MPP and Riding: \_\_\_\_\_

MPP Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street number and name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/Town)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Province)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Postal Code)

MPP Telephone Number: Constituency Office \_\_\_\_\_ Queen's Park \_\_\_\_\_

MPP (or contact) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Letters of support 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want the Certificate of Recognition and letter from the Minister sent directly to the successful nominee?

Yes  No

If you checked No, a Certificate of Recognition and letter from the Minister will be sent directly to the MPP mailing address listed above for a local MPP presentation to the successful nominee.

### **TELL US ABOUT THE NOMINEE**

From the eligibility criteria listed in the *Call for Nominations*, identify one or more criteria applicable to the nominee. Describe how the nominee's achievements reflect the eligibility requirements.

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### **TELL US HOW THE NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE HELPED THE COMMUNITY**

If you would like to include additional information about how the nominee's achievements, as a whole, have helped to improve the lives of others in her community, please summarize in 500 words or less on a separate page.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have questions or require help in completing this application form, please contact Gabrielle Gallant at 416-325-9216 or [gabrielle.gallant@ontario.ca](mailto:gabrielle.gallant@ontario.ca).

Submit completed nomination form and attachments to:

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