



ATHENA Leadership Award 2024 Dates and FAQs

What is the ATHENA award?

It is an international award that celebrates exemplary leadership and is reflective of a quote by Plato: *What is honored in a country will be cultivated there*. Presented to leaders across professional sectors, the ATHENA Leadership Award's rich history, international scope and focus on mentorship distinguish it as one of the most prestigious leadership awards one can receive.

Who can be nominated?

- ATHENA Leadership Award nominees may represent either the profit or not-for-profit sector.
- Previous ATHENA Leadership Award recipients are not eligible for nomination, however past nominees may be nominated again.
- There is no minimum or maximum age qualification for award nominees.
- Must live or work in East St. Tammany Parish.

What information is important to the selection committee?

- ATHENA Leadership Award nominees must meet all of the following criteria:
 - I. demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession;
 - II. provide valuable leadership to improve the quality of life for others in their community;
 - III. actively assist women in achieving their full leadership potential; and
 - IV. personification of the tenets of the Athena Leadership Model.
- It is through your answers and information presented that the committee learns about your nominee's accomplishments. Answer the questions directly and *use specific examples*, avoiding such descriptors as "goes above and beyond." The nomination form should be completed assuming that the committee is meeting your nominee for the first time. Please do not submit a resume and/or bulleted items in lieu of the application questions.
- Please use all your resources, including the nominee and others who know the nominee, to present a complete, descriptive, accurate and detailed nomination.
- You may include supporting documents and testimonials from (1) colleagues on how your nominee has helped others, especially women and (2) those she has touched in public service and how it has impacted their lives.

How do I make a nomination?

- The official nomination form and format must be used. Available at <https://ATHENAest.org>.
- Please type your responses. The nomination form is fillable via computer.
- Return completed form to: ATHENA 2024 NOMINATION, PO Box 783, Slidell LA 70459 or email to athena@athenaest.org. Please include ATHENA in the email subject line.

When is the award presented?

The recipient will be announced at a special luncheon hosted in November. The nominee and the nominator are both strongly encouraged to attend the luncheon.

Nomination Submission Deadline - EXTENDED DUE TO HURRICANE FRANCINE

Friday, September 20, 2024, 5 pm. NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Celebrations

Please make sure your nominee is aware of both of these dates:

Reception for Nominees Tuesday, September 24, 2024 – 6 pm (by invitation only)

Award Luncheon Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – luncheon at Pinewood Country Club in Slidell. Doors open at 11:30 am. Program begins at noon.

Reservations \$45 if received by Wednesday, October 31 at 11 am.

After Oct. 31, reservations \$55 while available. Reserve online via

<https://ATHENAest.org> or call Tara Ingram-Hunter at 985.288.8116.

For more info or assistance in completing the form, contact Laurie Jugan at 985.640.1681 or email athena@athenaest.org.