

The Women of the Year Awards showcase inspirational stories of dedication and extraordinary achievement by formally recognising and celebrating the outstanding contributions and achievements of women in NSW.

Entry into the 2020 NSW Women of the Year Awards constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions below.

Eligibility criteria

- Entry is conditional upon confirmation of eligibility by the selection panel.
- **NOMINEES MUST CONSENT TO THEIR NOMINATION BEFORE AN ENTRY IS SUBMITTED**
- All nominees must be female, Australian citizens, NSW residents, and at least 18 years of age on 5 March 2020.
- Nominees for the Young Woman of the Year must be between the ages of 18 and 30 on 5 March 2020.
- Nominees for the Regional Woman of the Year must live in a regional area of NSW (ie. outside the major metropolitan centres of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong).
- Nominees for the Aboriginal Women of the Year must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Posthumous nominations cannot be accepted.
- Self nominations will not be accepted.
- Sitting state and federal politicians and current vice-regal officers (including Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Council, Mayors, Councillors) are not eligible for nomination.
- Retired politicians and vice-regal officers will be considered for work undertaken in addition to their official duties.
- Nominees who meet the above criteria will be eligible pending completion of a National Police Background Check and referee check.

Nominations

- Nominations will be accepted from 9:00am, Monday 22 July 2019, with the website closing to submissions at 5pm on Friday 25 October 2019.
- Nominations must address all of the criteria on the nomination form.
- Hard copy nomination forms will not be accepted.
- Nominators must provide full contact details for themselves and their nominee including an active email addresses and mobile phone contact number.
- Nominees will be contacted by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice for further information and checking.
- Nominees will be contacted via email to request additional information including a photo and biography.

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- All nominees will be advised of the person who nominated them.
- An awards ceremony will be held in Sydney on Thursday 5 March 2020 at the International Convention Centre and finalists will need to be available to attend the event.
- A nominee can be entered into more than one category using separate nomination forms.
- All nomination forms and materials submitted remain the property of the NSW Department of Communities and Justice.
- Finalists in the seven state-wide award categories will have their nomination forms forwarded to the Honours Secretariat for consideration in the 'Australian of the Year Awards'. If you would prefer to not have your nomination form passed on please email womenoftheyear@facs.nsw.gov.au.
- Finalists in the award categories of the Premier's Woman of the Year, Community Hero, Young Woman of the Year, Regional Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, NSW Business Woman of the Year and Aboriginal Woman of the Year who live in regional NSW (ie. outside the major metropolitan centres of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong) will be provided with air travel from the nearest airport serviced by REX airlines to assist them to attend the event. Please note, finalists from metropolitan Sydney, Wollongong and Newcastle will need to make their own travel arrangements to attend.

How do you nominate?

- Nominate an inspiring woman at <https://facs.smartygrants.com.au/2020WOTYA>
- Entry into the NSW Women of the Year Awards is deemed acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.
- Submit your nomination by 5pm on Friday 25 October 2019.

Selection

- The NSW Department of Communities and Justice may change the category for which an individual is nominated.
- The judging panel's decision is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

Privacy

- Personal information about nominees and nominators provided will only be used for the conduct and promotion of the NSW Women of the Year Awards.
- Should you have any enquiries about access to your personal information held by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice please direct your request to:

Department of Communities and Justice
Women of the Year Awards
Locked Bag 4001
ASHFIELD NSW 1800
or womenoftheyear@facs.nsw.gov.au

General

- Successful nominees must plan to be in NSW for most of 2020 and in early 2021 and agree to make themselves available for media and promotional activities outside of the awards ceremony event.
- Where a nominee has a current media contract, she will need to outline the details in her reply email when accepting the nomination. The current media contract must not preclude her from participating in media activities around the award ceremony and promoting the NSW Women of the Year Awards for the following year.
- Upon returning a signed permission form, nominees grant permission for the NSW Department of Communities and Justice to use and disclose their personal information provided through the nomination process, additional submissions, correspondence, photographs and videos at its discretion including for, but not limited to, media and promotional purposes.

Additional Requests

- Nominees may be required to complete a National Police Background Check request form which will be provided following nomination.
- Nominees will be asked to provide a recent photo and a short biography.

Alternative format nomination forms can be made available for people with disability upon request. Please email womenoftheyear@facs.nsw.gov.au