

SAN MATEO COUNTY

WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME & YOUNG WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

The **San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame**, induction ceremony and celebration, will take place on **Friday, March 6, 2026 at Skyline College**. The Hall of Fame was established in 1984 to publicly recognize the incredible work of women of all ages and walks of life from across the County - an honor roll that today totals 326 women and includes our Young Women of Excellence honorees. For 2026 we invite nominations of women and girls who are on the frontlines, perhaps someone who is non-traditional whose achievements and contributions have made a lasting impact on our local communities. We are looking for nominees who contribute significantly in the fields of leadership, economic equity, community advocacy, education and awareness or in other areas that need recognized. Don't miss this opportunity to shine a light on an inspiring woman in your life. Help us celebrate the many who have paved our way.

To learn more about the Hall of Fame, including the honor roll of inductees, visit: smcgov.org/csw

Nomination Deadline: November 10, 2025

General Rules

- Women's Hall of Fame nominees must be at least 18 years of age
- *Young Women of Excellence* nominees must be high school juniors or seniors (or equivalent class/age)
- Nominations are open to all women who live or work in San Mateo County without regard to race, color, nationality, sexual orientation, disability, religious or political affiliation
- Current members of the Board of Supervisors, the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women, self-nominated candidates, and previous award recipients are not eligible
- The selection panel is comprised of prominent residents from other Bay Area counties who review nominations through an anonymous screening process
- The official nomination form must be used. Additional information will not be considered
- Nomination form and tips for writing a compelling nomination are available on the Commission's website at <http://smcgov.org/csw>
- Individuals and organizations may submit more than one nominee, including past nominees
- Awards may be given posthumously. All other recipients must be present at the induction ceremony to be formally recognized as a Women's Hall of Fame or Young Women of Excellence honoree
- Awards will be presented during the **Women's Hall of Fame ceremony** held March, 2026

Qualities of Candidates

The Women's Hall of Fame and the Young Women of Excellence honors community leaders who have excelled in any of the following areas:

WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

- *Exceptional leadership and civic engagement*, providing opportunities and service to others in business, government, or community sectors
- *Equity and inclusion advocacy*, striving to create or support access efforts to professional or community resources for underrepresented groups
- *Risk-taking and justice-seeking*, pursuing continual self-improvement and helping others to grow through social action

YOUNG WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE

- *Emerging community leadership*, performing outstanding volunteer service, in addition to school activities
- *Academic excellence and campus involvement*, demonstrated commitment to intellectual growth and contributions to the quality of broader school environment through extra-curricular activities
- *Unusual courage or perseverance* in daily life

Guidelines for Completing 3-page Nomination for the Women's Hall of Fame or Young Woman of Excellence Award

PAGES 1-2: In a separate Word document tell us how your nominee meets the evaluation criteria above. Limit your submission to no more than two typed pages in 12-point font.

PAGE 3: A third page in your Word document may be used to list recognition and awards.

Do not use the nominee's name in the Word document. Judging is done anonymously; names will be blocked out if this guideline is not followed.

Submission Requirements

1. Deadline: **Monday, November 10, 2025.** Entries postmarked after this date will not be accepted.
2. Check for accuracy. References, dates and names will be verified and may be used for publicity.

3. Return this nomination form to:

Tanya Beat

tbeat@smcgov.org

By mail to:

Commission on the Status of Women

500 County Center, 4th Floor Redwood City, CA 94063

Attention: Tanya Beat

Evaluation Criteria

WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

- *Impact of major achievements*— How has this woman's contributions improved community life in San Mateo County?
- *Experience*— Describe the nominee's professional or volunteer service and how it elevates equity in our local and regional communities (in culturally, economically or politically relevant ways)
- *Distinction*—What distinguishes the nominee as a leader from her peers and/or colleagues?

YOUNG WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE

- *Impact of major achievements*— How has this young woman's contributions improved community life in San Mateo County?
- *Experience*— Describe the nominee's achievements across her volunteer, extracurricular, and/or academic experiences
- *Distinction*—How has this young woman demonstrated initiative as an emerging leader?

Women's Hall of Fame & Young Women of Excellence

NOMINATION FORM

Please print clearly in **BLACK INK**

Please select one: WOMAN YOUNG WOMAN

Full name of nominee _____ Pronouns _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Address _____

Home phone (____) _____ Work phone (____) _____ Cellphone (____) _____

Email _____
Young Woman
Birthdate* _____ School* _____
 JUNIOR SENIOR

Name of nominator _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Address _____
STREET CITY ZIP CODE

Home phone (____) _____ Work phone (____) _____ Cellphone (____) _____

Email _____

How do you know the nominee? _____

Please provide the names of **THREE** References who will attest to the nominee's stated accomplishments.

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____
STREET CITY ZIP CODE

Home phone (____) _____ Email _____

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____
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For additional information, please contact Commission Director, **Tanya Beat** at tbeat@smcgov.org or **(650) 363-4467**

I am aware that information provided may be used for the event program and press release. To the best of my knowledge, the information is accurate.

Signature of nominator _____ Date _____

About the Nominee (page 1)

About the Nominee (page 2)

Nominee's Recognition and Awards
