The Colorado Women’s Chamber of Commerce’s 8th annual Top 25 Most Powerful Women event seeks to profile powerful women in the community who will serve as role models for other women. By nature of being highlighted at our event, they will empower and inspire other business women in the community; showing us all that we can accomplish our career goals, family goals and live a well-balanced life. This year’s honorees will mark 200 women who have been named Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business!

**THE CRITERIA**

**Top 25 most powerful women nominees must meet each of the following criteria:**

***Passionate about the success and promotion of women in business.***

Nominees have women in the community that attribute their success to this individual. Ensuring that women have the tools they need to grow their business, grow their career and have the confidence to take on career challenges is a priority for them.

***Civic Engagement in the community.***

Nominees must have a track record of serving women and children in the community. Their work must be focused on helping disadvantaged women become self-sufficient and/or successful in the workforce.

***Track record of success.***

She’s always focused on the next step. Research shows that women don’t often reach for top roles or promotions. Only 17% of CEO roles are held by women. Women-owned businesses aren’t growing at the same rate as men’s. Nominees must have a track-record of taking on difficult projects or new opportunities.

***Exhibit Perseverance.***

Change doesn’t come easily and this is especially true when it comes to the success of women in the workforce. Some of our best female leaders did not take no for an answer and did whatever it took to be a trailblazer in their company, their business or the community.

***A business visionary.***

Show how nominee has broad vision and strategy.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

• Top 25 Most Powerful Woman Nominees may represent the any business sector, industry and business size.

• Previous Top 25 Most Powerful Woman Honorees are not eligible for nomination; however past nominees may be nominated again.

• Must be a Colorado woman living and working in the state for a minimum of three years.

• There is no minimum or maximum age qualification that must be met by Top 25 Most Powerful Women nominees.

**COMPLETING THE FORM & REQUIRED DOCUMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

• You are encouraged to work closely with your nominee to complete their nomination.

• Nominations for Top 25 Most Powerful Women must be submitted using this nomination form and format.

• You may include five (5) additional pages of supporting documents (i.e. letters of recommendation, articles, testimonials etc.).

• To be considered all applications must be on time, this means nominations must be submitted *no later than* ***December 5th, 2019.***

Please send all nominations and additional documents in one email to Heather Howerton:

hhowerton@cwcc.org.

**THE PROCESS**

A Selection Committee, made up of a diverse group of community leaders, will review all nominations and select the 2020 Top 25 Most Powerful Woman Honorees.

The 2020 Top 25 Most Powerful Woman Honorees will be recognized:

Date: February 6th, 2020

Event: 2020 Top 25 Most Powerful Woman Gala at The Hilton City Center

**QUESTIONS**

Contact: Heather Howerton at hhowerton@cwcc.org or 303-458-0220

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: December 5th, 2019 by 5 p.m.**

**Top 25 Most Powerful Woman Nomination Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**NOMINATOR**

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**\*1. PASSIONATE ABOUT THE SUCCESS AND PROMOTION OF WOMEN IN BUSINESS.**

Nominees have women in the community that attribute their success to this individual. Ensuring that women have the tools they need to grow their business, grow their career and have the confidence to take on career challenges is a priority for them. Give examples and stories of this below.

**\*2. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY.**

Nominees must have a track record of serving women and children in the community. Their work must be focused on helping disadvantaged women become self-sufficient and/or successful in the workforce. Give examples and stories of board, volunteer or other work in the community.

**\*3. TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS.**

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**\*4. EXHIBIT PERSEVERANCE.**

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**\*5. A BUSINESS VISIONARY.**

Show how nominee has broad vision and strategy through examples and stories.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA:**

Please include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. Include letters of recommendation, awards & honors, publications, articles and/or testimonials that demonstrate service to their profession, community, and, most importantly, aspiring and established women leaders. ***Additional documentation should not exceed five (5) additional pages of supporting documents.***

**Thank you note after submission has been submitted:**

Thank you for submitting a nomination for our 2020 Top 25 Powerful Women. We appreciate you taking the time to compose this nomination. The honorees will be recognized at the 2020 Top 25 Most Powerful Woman Gala on Thursday, February 6, 2020 and The Hilton City Center, Denver, CO. Please save this date on your calendar!

We invite you to attend as we celebrate these outstanding leaders. If you or your company is interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Erica Hanger, ehanger@cwcc.org for ticket and sponsorship information.