



## Award Guidelines & Criteria

Nominees for the Women of Distinction Award can be involved in any category of work or professional endeavor such as the arts, business, government, law enforcement, social service, finance, education, sports, healthcare, management, etc. The nomination of women should represent the ethnic diversity that exists within the entire jurisdiction of Girl Scouts of Western New York.

### *Nominees:*

- Must live or work within Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans or Wyoming counties;
- Nominee will exemplify extraordinary civic, professional and/or philanthropic commitment and achievement;
- Nominee must be a role model for girls, demonstrating a commitment to the advocacy for improving the lives of women and/or girls;
- Nominee must demonstrate integrity and leadership characteristics;
- Nominee should be currently employed or actively engaged in their professional field;
- Must be available for at least one mentoring session to be interviewed by an older Girl Scout at the nominee's place of work or site where she practices her profession prior to the event;
- Are expected to attend Women of Distinction Awards Dinner on September 15, 2016, if selected to receive an award;
- Nominees are not required to have been or currently be a Girl Scout.

### *The Selection Committee will review candidates to determine if they:*

- Have achieved positions of increasing responsibility, leadership, and/or expertise in their chosen fields;
- Are active within their communities and serve as positive role models/mentors for girls and other women.