



ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LEADERSHIP AWARD

1. THE AWARD

The **2010 International Women's Day Leadership Award** aims to recognise, congratulate and celebrate the achievements of women, business and community leaders who are at the forefront of their field, for their exceptional skills, expertise, vision, leadership, mentorship and their commitment to the Gold Coast community.

An initiative of the International Women's Day Festival Committee and the Gold Coast City Council, the Award is an incumbent part of the annual International Women's Day Festival. The 2010 International Women's Day Festival will be held at the Gold Coast Arts Centre between the 8th and 13th March 2010.

The International Women's Day Leadership Award was introduced in the year 2000 to commemorate the millennium by recognising women who exhibit exceptional leadership in their community and business lives.

In 2010, the International Women's Day Leadership Award program celebrates its 11th Anniversary.

In 2007, the inaugural Youth Leadership Award proudly sponsored by Griffith University was launched to further acknowledge the promising talent of young leaders in the community.

The International Women's Day Festival is renowned as the most prominent women's event on the Gold Coast, and in 2010 the event will be in its 15th anniversary year of celebration and education.

Past winners of the International Women's Day Leadership Award include some of the Gold Coast's most talented business and community leaders whose career paths and individual achievements continue to provide inspiration.

The founding principles and philosophies of the International Women's Day Leadership Award are to provide opportunities for nominees to meet and be inspired by other like minded women in the community.

The recipient of the 2010 International Women's Day Leadership Award will personify excellence and vision in her chosen field of expertise, interest and endeavour and through her leadership and dedication, make a difference in the Gold Coast community.

2. THE SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominations for the 2010 International Women's Day Leadership Award are open to women in the business and community sector who are either employed or own and operate a business on the Gold Coast.

Members of Parliament or Local Government Councillors are exempt from applying.

Nominees are required to complete the award submission (on page 6-7 of this document) and address all selection criteria questions.

*A maximum of 50 words for each question should be submitted.

The selection criteria that needs to be addressed in your submission will assist the judging panel identify the winners of each category. Winners will be chosen for their unique qualities as a woman in a leadership role.

3. 2010 INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY LEADERSHIP AWARD CATERGORIES

AWARD	SPONSOR
International Women's Day Leadership Award	Gold Coast City Council & Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat
Outstanding Inspirational Role Model Award	The Lotus Institute
Gold Coast Community Leadership Award	Women at Work International
Young Business Woman Encouragement Award	Gold Coast Business News

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Please attach to your submission:

- a) A resume, which outlines in one to two pages, your career appointments and tenures to date.
- b) Any supporting documents you feel are relevant: eg written references, certificates of achievements, testimonials etc.
- c) A 30-word profile for use in presentation events, promotional activities and media releases.
- d) A recent colour photo of you for potential media use in PDF format submitted to our email address – iwd2010@bigpond.com attached to your submission.

Helpful hints in writing your submission:

- Write down bullet points for each question and then expand on them after further consideration.
- Ask someone to review your submission and give you feedback before actually submitting it.
- Prepare and submit in plenty of time.

5. THE BENEFITS

The benefits for accepting your nomination in the prestigious 2010 International Women's Day Leadership Award are endless. The honour of reflecting on and obtaining well deserved recognition for your achievements is reward in itself.

By accepting the nomination, the 2010 International Women's Day Leadership Award Committee is acknowledging and giving you recognition for your special qualities and contributions to the Gold Coast community.

The 2010 International Women's Day Award presents you with a high level of prestige and positioning in the community as well as the opportunity for you to establish a large number of valuable contacts and extend your networks with other inspirational Gold Coast women and youth of influence.

Whether you are the chosen winner of the category you entered or not, all nominees are rewarded in one way or another. The 2010 International Women's Day Leadership Award provides you with a voice. They present an avenue for you to showcase your talents, and the opportunity to have those talents and achievements acknowledged.

Prizes

The awarded prizes for finalists and category winners include:

- All awards are proudly presented by Mayor Ron Clarke MBE on behalf of the Gold Coast City Council.
- All nominees who qualify as finalists will be presented with a certificate of attainment that recognizes their success, dedication and achievements.
- The 2010 International Women's Day Leadership Award recipient will receive a deluxe package sponsored by Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat.
- The sponsors of each category will present a range of prizes to each nominee and category winner.

6. THE JUDGING PROCESS

The judging panel consists of members who have made a significant contribution through their respective roles as business leaders and/or their work within local community organisations. The International Women's Day Leadership Award judging panel is chaired by Vicki Varthas, an independent consultant and the Queensland Chair of Zonta.

Entrants will be judged on the following:

- a) Their responses to the selection criteria in their written submissions.
- b) Their responses to a series of questions asked at a panel interview, which will be conducted by the independent judging panel. Interviews should take no longer than half an hour.
- c) Their overall achievements as reflected in their resume and supporting documents.

6. OBLIGATION OF THE AWARD WINNER

The winner of the 2010 International Women's Day Leadership Award may be asked to speak to women and youth to continue to instil the message of leadership in the community. Past recipients of the Award have found these experiences to be most rewarding. The winner will also be required to act as an ambassador in 2010/2011

7. 2010 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FESTIVAL KEY DATES

15 th January	Nominations Close
11 th February	Open submissions due by 5pm
Late February (TBC)	Leadership Award nominees meet judging panel at a pre-arranged time at the Gold Coast Arts Centre
Monday – 8 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Breakfast and Mentoring Forum – Paradise Room, Gold Coast Arts Centre • 2010 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award Presentation Ceremony – Gold Coast Arts Centre • Mayor Ron Clarke MBE will announce award recipients and sponsors will present prizes and certificates • IWD Leadership Award nominees interested in attending the IWD Youth Leadership Award Ceremony can attend event if you give prior notice
Friday – 12pm 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 International Women's Day Celebration Lunch and the International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award Presentation Ceremony – Gold Coast Arts Centre • Mayor Ron Clarke MBE will announce award recipients and sponsors will present prizes and certificates • Ticket bookings for nominees and supporters are available for purchase at the Gold Coast Arts Centre bookings office - 07 5588 4000 from 1st February 2010. For priority table allocations please complete the attached booking sheet and fax to 07 5561 1566 prior to 29th January 2010
13 th March	<p>The International Women's Day Training, Employment and Lifestyle Expo</p> <p>Award nominees will be provided with four complimentary tickets to host their members, colleagues or friends at a 'Day of Inspiration'</p>

8. SUBMISSION

Submissions are to be forwarded via email to the International Women's Day Events Office by 5pm on **Thursday 11th February 2010.**

- Download this document from the Women at Work Website and either send via email or fax

www.womenatworkinternational.com

Email Address/ Formatting:

RE: Attention: Amy- 2010 IWD Leadership Award Submission
Email: iwd2010@bigpond.com

For further information please contact Amy at the Women at Work Event Team on Tuesday or Wednesday:

Phone: (07) 5561 1477 Fax: (07) 5561 1566



Nominee Submission Selection Criteria

International Women’s Day Leadership Award 2010

Name: _____ Date of submission: ___/___/_____
<i>Preferred Contact Details to arrange interview with judges:</i>
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Postal Address: _____
Industry Sector: _____

When completing your submission please address all questions below in no more than 50 words.

What is it about your leadership and your approach to mentoring that sets you apart as a high achiever?

Describe your most significant achievement/s in your business/community/voluntary endeavours. Think of how you personally contributed to these achievements in terms of your leadership, your ideas and your perseverance.

What does female leadership mean to you?

Tell us about a time where your mentoring qualities inspired someone within your industry sector.

As a female leader where do you see yourself or business in 5 years from now?

Who would you say is your female role model and why?

What issues in today's society are you passionate about?

Media/Event Profile: (Please provide us with no more than 30 words for promotional purposes)

Submission Checklist

Scanned and attached all supporting documentation to email submission	
Personal Media Profile of 30 words completed	
Recent Photo Attached in PDF	

GOOD LUCK