

THE ATHENA AWARD is presented annually by chambers of commerce, women's organizations and universities. The award is established through local host organizations in partnership with ATHENA International's national underwriters, local businesses and individual sponsors.



Nominations are solicited and an ATHENA sculpture is awarded to an individual in the community who meets specific criteria listed below.

Since the program's inception in 1982 more than 6000 awards have been presented in over 500 communities in the United States, Canada, China, Russia, the United Arab Emirates and most recently the United Kingdom. By honoring exceptional leaders, the ATHENA Award® Program seeks to inspire others to achieve excellence in their professional and personal lives.

THE CRITERIA

ATHENA Award Recipients are individuals who

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession.
- Provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.
- Actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential.

ATHENA Leadership Model®

The Authentic Self
Relationships
Giving Back
Collaboration
THE ATHENA LEADERSHIP MODEL
Courageous Acts
Learning
Fierce Advocacy
Celebration & Joy

The ATHENA Leadership Model®, developed through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, identifies eight distinct attributes that are reflective of women's contributions to leadership: *Authentic Self, Relationships, Giving Back, Collaboration, Courageous Acts, Learning, Fierce Advocacy, Celebration and Joy*. These personal traits that are more intuitive to women, and combined with the strongest aspects of traditional leadership—taking risks, assertiveness, hard work—prepare women to be successful leaders in the 21st century.



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