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## Women of Courage Award: Frequently Asked Questions

### ***How do you define a “Woman of Courage”?***

- The Selection Committee is looking for women who are serving their community and who have demonstrated courage, compassion, resilience and integrity in their lives and their work.

### ***Who is eligible for the award?***

- The nominee must be female identifying, 18-30 years old at the nomination deadline and live, work or serve in San Mateo County.

### ***Can I nominate myself?***

- No, but you can ask someone who knows you well enough to speak to your character and achievements.

### ***How do I nominate someone?***

- To nominate someone, use the form found at <https://www.venturesfoundation.org/nomination-form/>. You will need to sign in to access the form. You will be able to save and return at any time until you are ready to submit.

### ***Can I nominate someone anonymously?***

- We require your name and contact information in case we need follow-up information.

### ***Can someone be nominated more than once?***

- If your nominee is not selected as an Awardee in the year you submit, you may re-nominate that individual one additional time in a subsequent round. Please make sure to write a new nomination at this time, detailing additional accomplishments or information not originally provided. After two nominations, an individual will no longer be considered. An individual may not win the award more than once.

### ***Can I nominate more than one person?***

- Yes. Please fill out a separate nomination form for each person.

### ***What happens if a nominee is nominated by two or more nominators?***

- If an individual is nominated by more than one nominator (in the same year), the selection committee will pick just one of the nomination submissions to be considered.

### ***What is a nominee required to do?***

- If a nominee is selected as a finalist, they will be asked to attend an online interview with the Selection Committee. Their name, age, and occupation will be publicized, as will as an approved bio and image.

### ***What is the award?***

- The award is \$25,000 intended to further the awardee’s service efforts and may be paid directly to the awardee, to an affiliated non-profit or social venture, or as a scholarship to a university or for professional development. If you are selected to receive a Women of Courage Award, you may also take advantage of the support and mentorship of our Selection Committee.