



## 2020 Excellence in Leadership Award

The **Excellence in Leadership Award** (*formally Woman Manager of the Year*) is designed to honor a female professional in a leadership role within her organization. Honorees should contribute positively to their organization's success, effectively lead her team(s), and continually work to grow personally & professionally. Nominee must be a member of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce.

The award will be presented at a virtual Women in Business event on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

### Entry Process

- 1) May be self-nominated or nominated by another person
- 2) Prepare a written submission that addresses the following:
  - **Start With Why**  
It's often said less is more. In a quick 250 word summary, share *why* your nominee should be receive the Excellence in Leadership Award.
  - **Leadership Skills**  
Describe the nominee's skills as a leader, both formally and informally. What makes her an outstanding woman to follow? In what ways do others look to her for guidance and leadership? How does she motivate her team and encourage their personal growth? How does she support other women in business?
  - **Professional Growth**  
In what ways does the nominee continually strive for professional growth and how does she demonstrate personal growth? How does this nominee continually adapt & improve her leadership skills? How does she see her career developing in the next three to five years? How does she give back to her profession?
  - **Organization Success**  
How does this person use her talents to contribute positively to her organization's success? How does she drive results? Describe some of her career achievements to date.
- 3) Letters of recommendation will be accepted & considered but are not required.
- 4) Nomination must include the nominee's name, place of work, title, email address and phone number.

Once you have finalized your submission, **please return** (*email preferred*) to:

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**Nominations must be received at the Chamber by end noon on Friday, August 14, 2020.**

*Nominations previously submitted by the original deadline have been held over & need not be re-submitted.*