

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.
Southern New Jersey Chapter
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2016 Candace Women of Achievement Awards 13th Anniversary

Greetings,

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated, (NCBW) Southern New Jersey Chapter, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization proudly announces a call for nominations for the **2016 Candace (can DAY cee) Women of Achievement Awards**. This award recognizes distinguished women of minority descent whose contributions to society mirror our mission in the areas of importance to our core constituency, minority women and girls, as they relate to Civic Awareness and Public Policy, Corporate Trailblazer, Education, Economic Development, Health, Science & Technology and Youth Leader. Nominating Criteria are listed for all Candace award categories.

While the nominee is not required to reside in Southern New Jersey to qualify for the award, their contributions must have a positive impact upon minorities residing in the region. The nominee must agree to be nominated and be willing to attend the award ceremony.

Our Candace Awards Selection Committee will review all nominations and select the individuals whom we believe meet the highest standard in their area of accomplishment. Honorees will be recognized at our Candace Awards Ceremony and Luncheon on **Saturday, March 19, 2016 (SAVE THIS DATE)**. Over 400 guests will be in attendance.

If you know individuals who meet the criteria for an award(s), and wish to nominate them, please complete the attached Nomination Form and return it to:

NCBW, Inc., Southern New Jersey Chapter
Attn: Candace Awards Selection Committee
P.O. Box 4
Wenonah, NJ 08090

Nomination Forms must be post marked by Saturday, October 10, 2015. Incomplete Nomination Forms will be disqualified.

Sincerely,

Gina R. Burton
Chair, Candace 2016

Lynda Burke
Chair, Candace Selection Committee

Margarite Hall
CO-Chair, Candace 2016

Mary McLaughlin
1st Vice President of Programs

Darlene R. Walker
Chapter President

Nominating Criteria for Candidates for the 2016 Candace Awards

1. Members of the NCBW, Southern New Jersey Chapter and the general public may nominate persons for Candace Awards. The **nomination deadline is October 10, 2015.**
2. The nominee must be a woman with minority ancestry and has made a major contribution to the African-American community.
3. The nominee does not have to be a New Jersey resident, but a person who has made a major contribution to the African-American community; however, nominations submitted from the Southern New Jersey area are encouraged.
4. The nominee may be related to a member of the NCBW, Southern New Jersey Chapter. However, the nominating relative may not vote for this candidate during the final selection of honorees.
5. The nominee must agree to be nominated and be willing to attend the Candace Awards Luncheon or send a representative if unable to attend the ceremony.
6. A biography and a head shot of the nominee must be included with the Nomination.
7. The nominee must be an individual who has made a major contribution in one or more of the following areas:

- **Civic Awareness and Public Policy** – The nominee is a leader in the field of law, government, or public policy. The nominee may be an advocate for civil rights and equality, women’s issues, an attorney, judge, government official, legislator, or lobbyist. This category may also include those persons who have worked to change laws, or who are engaged in law enforcement.

- **Corporate Trailblazer** – The nominee is a corporate leader who has ascended to the top echelons of corporate executive leadership shattering the “glass ceiling” that women and minorities often encounter. The nominee will have demonstrated her ability to work with others in developing best business practices in corporate America, and may have worked with others in a mentorship capacity, providing guidance in a career path to reaching their full potential.

- **Economic Development** – The nominee is a leader in an industry having a direct or indirect impact on the growth and development of local communities. She may be an entrepreneur, business executive, or non-profit administrator. The nominee may also be one who has developed programs or practices that improve the skills of current and emerging workers by providing training opportunities that contribute to the creation of sustainable employment or entrepreneurship. These programs and practices must have a demonstrated positive impact on the minority population.

- **Education** – The nominee is a leader in the field of education. The nominee may be a school superintendent, associate superintendent, school principal, teacher, college/university administrator or professor. The nominee may also be a policy maker such as a state education official, school board president, vice president, or school board member who has impacted the lives of students. This includes, but is not limited to those employed in public, private and parochial schools, institutions of higher learning, technical schools, and libraries.

- **Health** – The nominee is a leader in the healthcare industry or government. The nominee may be a healthcare provider, practitioner, administrator, policy maker or community advocate who ensures that community healthcare needs are met.

- **Science and Technology** – The nominee is an individual who has excelled in the various disciplines of Science and technology. This candidate may be employed in private industry or government in a leadership position that may involve research, product development, applications, or business operations in the fields of Engineering, Biochemistry, Pharmaceutical, Health Sciences or Environmental Science. The nominee may also be a government official who is engaged in public policy development. The ideal candidate would be someone who has given back to their community through leadership, mentoring, and community outreach programs serving diverse populations.

- **Youth Leader** – The nominee must have demonstrated proven leadership skills which are reflected independently within a group or organization in her school, church, or community. The youth may have outstanding achievements as an entrepreneur, inventor, author, volunteer or other public service endeavors that have had a positive impact on African American youth and the community at large.

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Candace Awards Ceremony and Luncheon*

NOMINATION FORM

Select Award Category:

Deadline: Saturday, October 10, 2015

- Civic Awareness and Public Policy
- Corporate Trailblazer
- Economic Development
- Education

- Health
- Science and Technology
- Youth Leader

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Employer _____

Employer Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominee's Position/Title

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

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Briefly describe the specific contribution for which you are nominating this individual.

In what way does this contribution benefit minorities in Southern New Jersey?

Please tell us why you believe this nominee should be selected.

How do you know this individual?

Please take this opportunity to provide additional information to help make a favorable decision for your candidate.

Your candidate's signature below verifies that she understands, if selected, her name and biography may be released to the media.

Candidate's Signature

Nomination Package Checklist

Did you include:

- Completed Nomination Form with current candidate's contact information
- Current Biography
- Head Shot
- Candidate's Signature – Consent to release name and bio to the media.

INCOMPLETE NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015