

THE SOUTH CAROLINA WOMAN OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

GUIDELINES

General Statement:

The purpose of the South Carolina Woman of Accomplishment Program is to honor successful women who have distinguished themselves in their career; community services; outstanding role models for young women; and outstanding efforts on issues which are supported by the South Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, Inc. This program encourages recruitment of women into BPW membership, promotes activities that involve the participation of women, and publicly recognizes achievements and efforts of women in our communities.

The Local Organization Level:

Each local organization is encouraged to hold a South Carolina Woman of Accomplishment Program at one of its regular monthly meetings. Candidates can be recruited from businesses and industries in the community.

The local organization will select candidates, collect their biographical data on the form obtained from the BPWSC Handbook, and submit the local winner's biographical data to the state chair by the appropriate deadline for competition at the state level at the Annual Conference. The local organization from which the local winner comes is responsible for coordinating her attendance, registration (if applicable) and cost of meal(s) at the state competition through the state chair.

The State Level:

Each local organization winner will participate in the state competition at the BPWSC the Annual Conference.

Eligibility requirements for Local and State Levels:

A nominee need not be a member of BPW. Each participant must:

1. Agree in writing not to speak out against the goals, objectives and legislative platform of BPWSC.
2. Complete the biographical information sheet obtained from the BPWSC Handbook.
3. Local winners cannot be eligible for state competition until after a lapse of at least three (3) years.
4. Prior state winners are not eligible for consideration again at any level.

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1. Encourage the local organization to nominate women as candidates.
2. Select three (3) impartial judges for the local competition. One (1) judge shall be a BPW member in order to better evaluate the candidate's awareness and understanding of BPW, especially the legislative platform and the BPWSC goals and objectives.
3. Present the judges with a copy of each candidate's biographical profile, and an overview of BPW, especially the legislative platform and the federation goals and objectives.
4. Mail 4 copies or e-mail the local winner's name and application to the state chair by February 15. Emails or letters date stamped/postmarked later than the designated date will not be accepted for competition.

Judge Eligibility Requirements:

At each level of competition the Woman of Accomplishment chair must select a minimum of three (3) impartial judges, one of whom is a BPW member.

Judging at the State Level:

1. Select winner.
2. Judging scores shall be cumulative.
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This sheet will be used as part of the judging process at all levels. Submit four (4) copies of the completed form by mail, or e-mail information from the local organization to the BPWSC Woman of Accomplishment chair.. Information for State competition must be to be sent to BPWSC chair postmarked by February 15.

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APPLICATION

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PERSONAL DATA:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Sponsoring Local Organization: _____

EMPLOYMENT:

Present Employer: _____

Responsibilities: _____

WORKING HISTORY:

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

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COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT:

Describe what you feel is the biggest challenge facing young women today

Information for Publicity Purposes:

A news release concerning your selection on the state level may be sent from the state federation you represent. For this purpose, please provide the following information on Hometown Newspapers with addresses:

1. _____

2. _____

Please attach a paragraph of 100 words or less about yourself/accomplishments and enclose a photograph for publicity purposes.

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LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM STATEMENT

I have reviewed the Legislative Platform and pledge that I will not speak against the platform items if selected as The South Carolina Woman of Accomplishment.

Signature of Candidate: _____

Date: _____

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Score Sheet

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____

1 – 20 Points	Working Accomplishments	_____
1 – 20 Points	Civic Involvement	_____
1 – 20 Points	Ability to express thoughts and beliefs	_____
1 – 10 Points	Goals Met and/or future	_____
1 – 10 Points	Is a good role model	_____
1 – 20 Points	Has demonstrated efforts to help others succeed	_____
	TOTAL POINTS	_____

Signature of Judge

Date