

Category Definitions

Achievement in Entrepreneurship

Recognizes a woman who has founded, co-founded, or helped build a successful business, or who has made a significant contribution to advancing entrepreneurship. Nominees should demonstrate innovation, business growth, economic impact, and a commitment to supporting entrepreneurs and emerging businesses.

- Entrepreneurial vision
- Business growth and sustainability
- Innovation and problem solving
- Economic and community impact
- Support of future entrepreneurs

Achievement in Management | Private Sector

Recognizes a woman whose leadership has driven meaningful success within a for-profit organization. Nominees should demonstrate strategic vision, organizational impact, team leadership, and a commitment to developing others while advancing business performance.

- Organizational leadership
- Business performance and growth
- Team development
- Innovation and transformation
- Influence within the industry

Achievement in Management | Government

Recognizes a woman whose leadership in public service has created meaningful impact for residents, communities, or the region. Nominees should demonstrate effective leadership, innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to improving the quality of life for others.

Nominee does not need to be employed by a Greater Boston Chamber member organization.

- Public impact
- Civic leadership
- Policy or program innovation
- Community benefit
- Effective stewardship of public resources

Achievement in Management | Nonprofit

(Organization dedicated to serving community, civic, cultural, educational, environmental, or human service needs)

Recognizes a woman whose leadership has advanced the mission and impact of a nonprofit organization. Nominees should demonstrate organizational excellence, community impact, innovation, and a commitment to addressing critical challenges and serving the public good.

- Mission-driven leadership
- Community impact
- Organizational growth and sustainability
- Advocacy and partnership building

Achievement in Professional Services

(formerly Achievement in the Professions)

Recognizes a woman who has distinguished herself through excellence and leadership within a specialized profession, such as law, accounting, consulting, engineering, architecture, science, or other professional services. Nominees should demonstrate outstanding expertise, influence, innovation, and contributions to their profession.

- Professional excellence
- Subject-matter expertise
- Innovation within a profession
- Industry influence
- Advancement of professional standards

Achievement in Health Care & Life Sciences

Recognizes a woman whose leadership, innovation, and contributions have advanced health care, biotechnology, life sciences, medical research, public health, or patient care. Nominees may work in clinical care, healthcare administration, research, public health, biotechnology, or related sectors and should demonstrate meaningful contributions to improving health outcomes, patient experience, or access to care.

- Improved health outcomes
- Innovation in care delivery
- Research and advancement
- Access and equity in healthcare
- Leadership in a critical community sector

Achievement in Arts & Education

Recognizes a woman whose leadership has advanced education, learning, creativity, or cultural enrichment. Nominees should demonstrate significant contributions to an educational, academic, cultural, or arts organization and a commitment to expanding opportunities for others.

- Educational impact
- Cultural enrichment
- Innovation in learning or engagement
- Community connection
- Expanding access to arts and education

Emerging Executive

Recognizes an exceptional rising leader who has demonstrated significant impact early in her career. Nominees should exhibit strong leadership potential, professional achievement, initiative, and a commitment to supporting others. Nominees must be 40 years of age or younger at the time of the awards ceremony.

- Leadership potential
- Early career achievement
- Initiative and innovation
- Influence beyond title
- Commitment to lifting others

Lifetime Achievement

Recognizes a woman whose distinguished career has left a lasting impact on her organization, profession, industry, and community. Nominees should demonstrate a sustained record of leadership, achievement, service, mentorship, and civic engagement over at least 25 years of professional experience.

- Sustained career achievement
- Lasting organizational or industry impact
- Community leadership
- Mentorship and sponsorship of others
- Enduring legacy