



2025 Women Business Leaders Awards

Woman of the Year

Legacy Award

Rising Star Award

Overview

Each year, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Alliance celebrates women business leaders making a difference in Carroll County. The awards honor women who embody leadership qualities that have driven not only their success but also the success of those around them.

This year's honorees will be recognized at the Woman of the Year Luncheon on November 20, 2025.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2025 Woman of the Year, Legacy Award Winner, and Rising Star Award.

In recommending potential honorees, please consider the nominee's achievements in the year immediately before the award year, as well as past successes and ongoing contributions to the community. Nominees should not be current elected officials or individuals currently running for office.

An individual, a company representative, or another business may submit nominations. Self-nominations are also accepted. If the nominator does not know all the required information about the nominee, the Chamber will follow up as necessary.

Submit nominations online via our [Application Form](#) or [website](#), email the fillable form to events@carroll-ga.org, or deliver a physical copy to the Chamber office (200 Northside Drive, Carrollton) by COB Friday, October 24, 2025.



Woman of the Year

The Women's Business Alliance (WBA) proudly presents the annual Woman of the Year Award, recognizing a woman who embodies the WBA mission to empower, educate, and support women in the workplace by providing guidance, support, resources, and opportunities to succeed in the business world.

The nominated individual:

- Has achieved the highest level of professional excellence.
- Demonstrates excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession.
- Provides valuable service by devoting time and energy to improving the quality of life for others in the community.
- Actively assists others, particularly women, in realizing their full leadership potential.
- Has worked in the Carroll County business community (not necessarily in the same role or business) for three years or more.
- Is a Chamber member or is affiliated with a Member of the Chamber.

Legacy Award

The Women's Business Alliance (WBA) proudly presents the Legacy Award.

The nominated individual:

- Is a leader with a longstanding record of success in leadership roles, whether in business or through volunteer, philanthropic, or public service positions.
- Has had a tremendous impact on the Carroll County community
- Has worked in the Carroll County business community (not necessarily in the same role or business) for twenty years or more.
- Is a Chamber member or is affiliated with a Member of the Chamber

Rising Star Award

The Women's Business Alliance (WBA) proudly presents the Rising Star Award.

The nominated individual:

- Is a young leader or newcomer to Carroll County who has made a significant impact on their business and/or the community in a short period of time.
- Has worked in the Carroll County business community (not necessarily in the same business) for less than three years.
- Is a Chamber member or is affiliated with a Member of the Chamber.



Past Woman of the Year Recipients

2007 Sandra Morris	2015 Paula Gillispie
2008 Mary Covington	2016 Melanie McClellan
2009 Kathy Yates	2017 Robin Custard
2010 Jacqueline Dost	2018 Deirdre Rouse
2011 Susan Lester	2019 Kim Holder
2012 Liz McDill	2020 No Nominee
2013 Cricket Strickland	2021 Dr. Laura Larson
2014 Alicia Michael	2022 Sidra McWhorter
	2024 Dr. Julie Post

Past Legacy Award Winners

2022 Denise Taylor
2022 Linda Sullivan
2023 Kim Jones
2023 Andrea Stone
2024 Paula Waters

Past Rising Star Award Winner

2023 KiKi McDaniel
2024 Courtney Stogner



2025 Women Business Leaders Awards Nomination Form

Nominee Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Please check which award your candidate is being nominated for.

Woman of the Year Legacy Award Rising Star Award

Please provide a brief overview stating why the nominee should be considered as the recipient of the 2025 Women Business Leaders Award:

In addition to professional accomplishments, we invite you to highlight any philanthropic efforts, volunteerism, or community service the nominee has contributed outside the scope of their regular job responsibilities:

Nominated by (optional): _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____