



**Business and Professional Women/VT**

*Woman of the Year Award*

*Application*

At the Local level this award coincides with the celebration of the BPW Foundation Business Women’s Week, the third full week of October, each year. During this week, designed to recognize the contributions of America’s working women to the country, the Woman of the Year award can help to appropriately spotlight BPW and its mission in various media.

The Local level may choose to recognize both a non-BPW member with a “Woman of Achievement” award as well as a “Woman of the Year”. Only a BPW member is eligible for the “Woman of the Year” award. The “Woman of the Year” finalist from each local are then forwarded on to the Vermont Federation where one of them is selected to receive the State “Woman of the Year” award, which is presented at the Spring Board meeting.

**Woman of the Year** The Woman of the Year Program recognizes a BPW member who has made outstanding contributions to her community and to BPW in the past year. A portfolio similar to that required by the Young Careerist competition is prepared, but there is no speaking competition. The local winner moves on to the state competition. State and local officers or standing committee members remain eligible for this award. Local organizations are urged to seek out a Woman of the Year for state competition.

**Criteria**

- The nominee should exemplify what BPW stands for in both her personal activities and her business life; a true “woman helping women” person.
- She should be willing to assist other women in personal growth and/or career development
- The nominee should be a respected citizen doing work in her field of endeavor
- She should be active in community work, in volunteer, religious, professional, youth or human services.
- Though all the above may not be met, she should be a well-rounded and congenial person
- How has she been a loyal, supportive BPW member?

**Attach a minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation and address the following questions:**

- How has this candidate exemplified the BPW ethos of a Woman Helping Women?
- How has she helped other women or young people in mentoring career/personal development?
- Illustrate community activities in which the nominee is active
- Explain how she is a woman speaking out in her field of work or in service to the community.
- Outline her BPW history (Woman of the Year Award only)

**Application Deadline: April 3, 2016**

Application and letters of support, please submit to:

Carolyn Frazier, President VT/BPW

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Nominee name \_\_\_\_\_

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BPW Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_