

**GKCWPC Torch Dinner
Awards Nomination Form**

Nominator Contact Information:

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Nominee Contact Information:

Name:

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Award Category: (select from the list below)

Please attach a separate sheet that addresses the following questions and information:

- Why do you believe the nominee deserves this award?
- Has the nominee been involved with the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus? In what roles?
- How has this nominee contributed to equality and progress for women?
- In what ways has the nominee furthered women's political equality?
- Please include a short bio for the nominee.

Awards Categories:

The Torch Award

Awarded to a young woman of promise who is very involved with the Caucus, committed to its mission and plans to continue her career in public service.

The Community Service Award

Awarded for outstanding accomplishment and representation of the power of women through community service.

Mel Carnahan "Good Guy" Award

Named in honor of former Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and awarded to a male community leader who supports the Caucus mission of promoting women and women's issues.

Excellence in Media Award

Awarded to a journalist for outstanding reporting on issues important to women and families. All forms of media reporting may be considered including print, radio, TV, and online.

Harriet Woods "Guardian of the Flame" Award

In the memorial service eulogy for Governor Mel Carnahan, his daughter, current Secretary of State and U.S. Senate candidate Robin Carnahan, recalled her father's daily admonition of keeping wood on the fire on cold winter mornings on their family farm. "Dad, I promise we won't let the fire go out," she said holding back tears. This sentiment inspired the Caucus to create the "Guardian of the Flame" award, given to those who keep the fire of freedom and justice burning for women in the greater Kansas City area.

Erika S. Fox Pillar Award

Awarded to a role model of political accomplishment to the benefit of women and women's issues. Erika S. Fox joined the GKCWPC in the early 1970's when she became an organizer/lobbyist for the ERA, and a volunteer coordinator for the successful Caucus effort to elect the "Three D's. Erika also served as Newsletter Editor, Political and Legislative VP, President and Treasurer of the Caucus PAC that she helped establish; she chaired MO/WPC and was a delegate to NWPC.

Hall of Fame

The Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus Hall of Fame has been established to permanently honor those Kansas City women who have made a significant, lasting and personal contribution to women's political equality and who have advocated on behalf of equal opportunities and full civil rights for all. We will honor two from each state, Missouri and Kansas this year.