

SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING RURAL WOMEN 2010

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The Search for Outstanding Rural Women 2010 is spearheaded by the Interagency Committee on Rural Women composed of government and non-government organizations. The competition was conceptualized in order to: To give due recognition to rural women who have shown excellence in their fields of endeavor, have contributed outstanding accomplishments in developing the agriculture, fishery, and natural resources sectors and made significant impact in the lives of the people in the rural areas; and to document the success stories of the awardees who showed the significance of committing to the right of individuals to food and serve as role models of women empowerment.

Eligibility

- Must be involved in agriculture and fisheries, forestry and informal sector, whether engaged in paid or unpaid, regular or seasonal, on-farm and off-farm activities, food preparation, managing the household, caring for the children and other similar activities, home-based, and other environmental management and natural resource-based industries;
- Must not be a government employee or not receiving any remuneration from the government. (However, volunteers who are receiving any amount from the government are eligible to join.);
- Must not be related by affinity or consanguinity with any current elected official in the municipality up to the first degree (except in IP Communities);
- Must be a bonafide resident of the rural area where she is working/doing development work; and
- Must be of good moral character.

Nominations must include the following items:

1. Original nomination form duly signed by the nominee and the nominator (nominees may not nominate themselves);
2. Portfolio of the nominee with an executive summary not exceeding two pages. The portfolio should contain biographical data of the nominee (full name, age, education, place of work and background) and a detailed history of the nominee's creative project (written by the nominee or the nominator);
3. Two original endorsement letters from organizations or individuals other than the nominator which attest that the nominee is of good moral character and is not related with any current elected official/s in the municipality; and
4. Barangay clearance which attest that the nominee is a resident of the rural area.
5. Other supporting documents (such as newspaper write-ups about the nominee).

Criteria and Points System

1. Exceptional courage and perseverance in improving rural life (20%)
 - Excellence in Character/ Qualities includes ability to hurdle/overcome stressful conditions; ability to handle leadership roles
 - Integrity; interpersonal relations
 - Recognition of excellence/ previous awards/ citations
2. Creativity in approach (25%)
 - Adaptation to emerging conditions, e.g. climate change, economic crisis
 - Innovativeness
 - Resourcefulness
3. Preservation of and respect for the environment (25%)
 - Use of sustainable and environment-friendly strategies in doing her work (e.g. use of renewable resources, organic farming, recycling, integrated farming system, etc.)
 - Advocacy on environment protection, i.e. organizing bantay-dagat/ bantay-kalikasan, conduct linkages with other communities/ NGOs/church/academe
4. Continuing impact in the community (30%)
 - Contribution to food security (productivity, profitability, quality of product/service)
 - Contribution to the advancement of the rural community
 - Contribution to local economy
 - Contribution to quality of family life/home
 - Contribution to women's empowerment and gender equality

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Prizes

There shall be four winners, one each from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao and the national winner. The winners from each island cluster groups will receive PhP 20,000.00 each and a plaque of recognition. The grand winner will receive PhP 50,000.00, a plaque of appreciation and she will be nominated to the Women's World Summit Foundation's Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life in Geneva, Switzerland. Furthermore, all profile of the eight (8) short-listed finalists will be published in a book.

Finalists will be selected by a panel of judges composed of the members of the interagency committee. Winners will be announced officially on September 15, 2010.

Nomination materials should arrive no later than 30 March 2010 though the post or email and be addressed to:

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