

ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
2012 WOMEN OF VISION AWARD
Call for Nominations

The Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women seeks nominations for the 2012 Women of Vision Awards. The nominees will be evaluated based on the attached criteria established by the Commission. Letters of support will be considered, but are not required. Awardees will be honored at the Commission's 26th Annual Women of Vision Awards: *Women's Education – Women's Empowerment* on March 8, 2012. Selection will be based on the information presented below, so please be as complete as possible. Feel free to use extra pages as necessary. Additional nomination forms and information are available on the Commission website and in the County office.
<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Commissions/WomenCommission/WomenCommissionMain.aspx>

In 2012 we are accepting nominations in three categories: **Business, Non-profit, and Government**. Nominations must be submitted by **February 9, 2012**.

Nominee's Name & Title: _____

Street Address: _____
Phone: Home _____ **Work** _____
Email Address: _____
Category: Business Non-profit Government
Scope of Activity: _____

Impact: _____

Nominator's Name & Title: _____
Relationship to Nominee: _____
Street Address: _____
Phone: Home _____ **Work** _____
Email Address: _____

Please return completed form by Thursday, February 9, 2012 to:
CSW Awards Committee, C/o Diane Gates, Central Library
1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201
Email: Dgates@arlingtonva.us

About the Women of Vision Award (formerly Person of Vision)

Women of Vision awards are presented by the Arlington County's Commission on the Status of Women as part of the March celebration of Women's History Month. The awards are given to individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to women's issues and have, over time, developed and communicated their vision for women and engaged community members and other leaders in order to realize this vision.

The award originated in 1988. To date, 108 awards have been awarded, honoring women and men from the community who have made outstanding contributions toward addressing the inequities that women experience and improving the lives of women and girls in Arlington. Award recipients must live, work, or volunteer in Arlington.

About The Commission

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) consists of volunteer [members](#) appointed by the Arlington [County Board](#) for three-year terms. The Commission was first established in 1974 as an advisory committee to the County Board. In 1980, the Board redesigned the committee as a permanent commission to advise the County on a variety of issues affecting women today.

A Resource & Advocate

The Commission serves as a community resource and advocate for women seeking to continuously advance and inform women in Arlington County on legal and human rights, economic equality, equal employment, and state legislation. Since its inception, the Commission has addressed a number of needs and concerns in the community. The Commission works to maintain an active voice in state legislation by continuously expressing opinions and suggestions for the County Board on legislative bills. Past issues in legislative bills supported by the Commission include: reactivation and funding of the Virginia Commission on Women; increasing penalties of stalking with a weapon; reducing state sales tax on food; and supporting victim participation and plea agreements.

An Advisor

CSW advises other County advisory groups, as well as the community, on issues of concern to women and serves as a liaison to help the County address these issues. The Commission carries out these functions through public forums, reports to the County Board, public appearances, cooperative efforts with the County and other local women's organizations, and developing workshops that address diverse issues of concern for the community such as, health, financial, and safety issues.