



## **ATHENA APPLICATION**



### **History of ATHENA (Originated: Award Program of Greater Pittsburgh)**

In 1982, Martha Mayhood Mertz, created the ATHENA Award® while serving as the only female member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in Lansing, Michigan. Martha's desire was to create an award that recognized outstanding professional women in her community and to encourage further leadership opportunities for women in business.

By honoring exceptional leaders, the ATHENA Award Program inspires others to achieve personal and professional excellence. Each recipient receives a handcrafted ATHENA Award sculpture with a unique design inspired by the Greek Goddess Athena, who represents courage and wisdom guided by reason.

### **Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce ATHENA Award**

Every November, the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce recognizes a member of the Laramie County community with the ATHENA Award. In receiving this application, you or someone that you know received a nomination for this prestigious award.

### **COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION**

The ATHENA Award application can be completed in two ways:

1. The individual nominated for the award can complete the application on his/her own; or,
2. A person that nominated the individual for the award can complete the application with or without assistance from the nominee.

In completing the application, please keep in mind the history and purpose of the program. Be sure to emphasize the ways in which you/the nominee has mentored

women and girls to help them reach their full potential in business, the professions, and public service.

The ATHENA Award Committee also strongly encourages the inclusion of two letters of recommendation. Letters should be one page maximum and focus on how you/the nominee has influenced women to reach their full potential. Please make sure that the author includes their full name, address, and phone/email.

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**

ATHENA Selection Committee  
Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce  
121 West 15<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. 204  
Cheyenne, WY 82001

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010 (12 noon)**

\*\*The recipient of the annual ATHENA award is invited to become a member of the ATHENA Steering Committee (for one term). This committee consists of previous recipients and program sponsors. The Committee meets on a monthly basis to develop programs for women in the Greater Cheyenne Community and guide the ATHENA selection process.