The YWCA will host its annual YWCA of Van Wert County Women of Achievement Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Please nominate a possible recipient for ONE of the categories listed below. The deadline to turn Nomination Forms in is Thursday, February 6, 2020.

- **Professional Leadership**
  Professional leadership is all about setting a vision and mission for an organization, creating a course of action for achieving goals and aligning people, procedures, and an infrastructure that guides those in the organization to achieve those goals.

- **Advocacy/Advocate**
  Advocacy is speaking, acting, or writing with minimal conflict on behalf of the sincerely perceived interests of a disadvantaged person or group to promote, protect, and defend their welfare and justice. This is achieved by being on their side, being concerned with their fundamental needs and well-being, and remaining emphatically loyal to them.

- **Women’s Empowerment**
  Empowering women is about fighting to get women to a status where they can participate fully and equally in all areas of life across all sectors of our society and is essential to building stronger economies, achieving goals for development and sustainability, and improving the quality of life for women, men, families and communities.

- **Racial Justice**
  Racial justice is a proactive reinforcement of policies, practices, attitudes and actions that produce equitable power, access, opportunities, treatment, impacts and outcomes for all. It involves seeking to evaluate social injustices and if inequalities are found demand accountability and systemic change.

- **Volunteerism**
  Volunteerism is the principle idea of donating time, energy and talents for charitable, educational or other organizations for the benefit of people in the community as a social responsibility rather than for financial reward.

- **Youth Development**
  Youth Development is a process that prepares young people to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood and achieve his or her full potential. Being involved in the development of local youth can be promoted through activities and experiences that help youth develop social, ethical, emotional, physical and cognitive competencies.

- **Civic Dedication**
  Civic dedication involves working to make a difference in the civic life of one’s community and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make that difference. Promoting quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes is essential to civic dedication.

- **Overcoming Adversity/Obstacles**
  Overcoming adversity means to defeat and conquer a trial or many trials that may be presented to oneself during their lifetime. Finding strength by choosing not to surrender to the conflicts that come one’s way but rather allowing those obstacles to mold them and seek growth through the trial defines a person as an overcomer.
Nominee’s name & e-mail address: ________________________________________________

Category: _____________________________________________________________________

Your name & e-mail address: ____________________________________________________

Please provide a detailed description of how the nominee meets the criteria for the award in the category listed above. The information provided here is what will be used to determine the winner of each category. Feel free to use a separate paper or write on the back of this nomination form. The more information you are able to provide, the better!