



# Awards Nomination Packet

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## Awards Timeline

- January 15, 2021  
Awards Packet sent to Local Leagues
- April 15, 2021 NOON  
Awards nominations due to LWVMI
- May 10, 2021  
Award Nominees selected
- May 21-22, 2021  
Awards presented at State Convention

## Dear League Leader,

In every Local League there are members whose values, service and leadership set them apart. In quiet and public ways these are the individuals who are doing the most to passionately fulfill the mission of the League of Women Voters. This Awards Nomination Packet offers the opportunity to recognize those League leaders who excel in the hands-on work to safeguard democracy.

The following awards will be presented May 21-22, 2021 at the virtual LWVMI State Convention.

- The **Belle Brotherton Award** honors an individual whose outstanding leadership and significant accomplishments have benefited the citizens of Michigan, inspired others and fostered greater public participation in the democratic process.
- The **Helen Milliken Leadership in Civic Empowerment Award** honors up to two individuals who have led the way in providing citizens with information and encouraging informed voters through League work at the state and/or local level.
- The **Maryann Mahaffey Community Service Award** honors an individual for demonstrated outstanding commitment to their community and its citizens and who exemplifies the principles of League and League leadership.
- The **Belle Ringer Awards** are noncompetitive and inclusive. Each local League is invited to select up to four members for recognition—one each in Advocacy, Voter Service, Member Recruitment & Engagement and Strategic Planning and/or Fundraising, to acknowledge their support of critical League priorities. **Each Belle Ringer will be publicly thanked for their service.** We are requesting pictures of all of the Awardees. (see page 6)

Please, carefully review these nomination materials, nominate members of your Local League who meet the award criteria, then help us celebrate their accomplishments in May.

Sincerely,

*Christina Schlitt*

President, League of Women Voters of Michigan

## BELLE BROTHERTON AWARD

### Honoring exemplary leadership

The **Belle Brotherton Award** is named for the first president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, Florence Belle Brotherton.

#### Past recipients:

- Sue Smith (2019)
- Suzanne Dixon (2017)
- Edith Prunty Spencer (2015)
- Mary Brown (2013)
- Eva Packard (2011)
- Anne Magoun (2009)
- Marguerite Kowaleski (2007)
- Patricia Donath (2005)
- Shirley Porter (2003)
- Ginny McCaig (2001)
- Debbie Macon (1999)
- Louise Sause (1997)

The **Belle Brotherton Award** honors an individual whose outstanding leadership and significant accomplishments

have benefited the citizens of Michigan, inspired others and fostered greater public participation in the democratic process.

#### **CRITERIA:**

Each nominee must

1. Be a current member.
2. Have been a member for a minimum of fifteen (15) years.
3. Have demonstrated outstanding leadership.
4. Have demonstrated significant accomplishments in support of the mission of the League at the local level.
5. Have benefited the citizens of Michigan beyond the local level.
6. Have inspired others.
7. Have fostered greater public participation in the democratic process.



### **DIRECTIONS:** **Belle Brotherton Award Nomination**

Please provide the following information. Number each response as below.

1. What is the nominee's name and local League?
2. How long has the nominee been a member of the League?
3. Specifically, how has the nominee demonstrated outstanding leadership within the organization?
4. What are the nominee's significant accomplishments in support of the mission of the organization?
5. How have citizens of the local community and the state of Michigan benefited as a result of the nominee's efforts?
6. How has the nominee inspired others?
7. How has the nominee fostered greater participation in the democratic process?
8. Is the nominee planning to attend the LWVMI Convention? (not a requirement, but helpful to know).

**In addition to answering the questions above for this nomination, follow the *GUIDELINES* on page 5.**

## HELEN MILLIKEN LEADERSHIP IN CIVIC EMPOWERMENT AWARD: Honoring civic empowerment

The Helen Milliken Leadership in Civic Empowerment Award honors up to two individuals who have led the way in providing citizens with information and encouraging informed voters through League work at the state and/or local level.

### Past recipients:

- Nancy Schewe and Beth Moore (2019)
- Jane Watts (2017)
- Vina Mikesell and Pam Brady (2015)
- Terry Hluchyj, Judy Bateman, and Jerry Burden (2013)
- Paula Bowman, Susan Gilbert and Ernestine M. Tune (2011)
- Betsy Cushman and Linda DePoorter (2009)
- Eva Packard and Kay Perry (2007)

### CRITERIA:

Each nominee must

1. Be a current member.
2. Have been a member for a minimum of ten (10) years.
3. Have significant accomplishments in providing citizens with information.
4. Have significant accomplishments in encouraging voters to be informed and engaged in democracy.



### DIRECTIONS:

#### Helen Milliken Leadership in Civic Empowerment Award Nomination

Please provide the following information. Number each response as below.

1. What is the nominee's name and Local League?
2. How long has the nominee been a member of the League?
3. Specifically, what have been the nominee's accomplishments in providing citizens with information?
4. What are the nominee's significant accomplishments in encouraging voters to be informed and engaged in democracy?
5. Is the nominee planning to attend the LWVMI Convention? (not a requirement, but helpful to know).

**In addition to answering the questions above for this nomination, follow the *Guidelines* on page 5.**

## MARYANN MAHAFFEY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: Honoring community service

This award is named for a member of LWV Detroit who served on the Detroit City Council for 31 years.

The Maryann Mahaffey Community Service Award honors an individual for demonstrated outstanding commitment to their community and its citizens and who exemplifies the principles of League and League leadership.

### Past recipients:

- Chris Sullivan-Rathwell and Laura Callow (2019)
- Sarah Delia and Rose Marie McQuaid (2017)
- Fran Hamburg (2015)
- Fran Schonenberg (2013)
- Barbara Moorhouse (2011)
- Mary Bugeia (2009)
- Della McGraw (2007)

### CRITERIA:

Each nominee must

1. Be a current LWV member.
2. Have been a member for a minimum of seven (7) years.
3. Have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their community.
4. Have exemplified League principles.
5. Have served in leadership roles, both within the League and outside the League.
6. Have demonstrated a commitment to public service leadership.



### DIRECTIONS: Maryann Mahaffey Community Service Award Nomination

Please provide the following information. Number each response as below.

1. What is the nominee's name and Local League?
2. How long has the nominee been a member of the League?
3. Specifically, how has the nominee demonstrated outstanding commitment to their community?
4. How has the nominee exemplified League principles?
5. In what community service roles has the nominee served both within the League and outside the League in their community?
6. How has the nominee demonstrated a commitment to public service leadership?
7. Is the nominee planning to attend the LWVMI Convention? (not a requirement, but helpful to know).

**In addition to answering the questions above for this nomination, follow the *Guidelines on Page 5.***

The **GUIDELINES** below are applicable to the following three competitive award categories only.

- ⇒ Belle Brotherton Award (Page 2)
- ⇒ Helen Milliken leadership in Civic Empowerment Award (Page 3)
- ⇒ Maryann Mahaffey Community Service Award (Page 4)

### **GUIDELINES for all competitive awards**

- ◆ A. Limit each nomination to no more than three (3) pages. Number each page. A cover page or letter is not necessary.
- ◆ B. Place the nominee's name and local League at the top of each page.
- ◆ C. Place the name and contact information of the individual(s) submitting the nomination at the bottom of each page.
- ◆ D. Each local League may submit one nominee only for each competitive award.
- ◆ E. Nominations for individuals who were previously nominated and not selected may be resubmitted.
- ◆ F. The LWVMI Board makes the final selection(s) for each competitive award.
- ◆ G. Have a digital photo of the nominee available. Do not email this unless requested to do so.
- ◆ H. All nominations must be received by April 30, 2021. Nominations may be mailed to:

LWVMI Convention Awards  
600 W. St. Joseph Street, Ste. 3G  
Lansing, MI 48933-2288

**OR** (preferred) emailed to: paulabowman9000@gmail.com

**QUESTIONS?** Contact 2021 Convention Chair, Paula Bowman at 734-277-2243 or paulabowman9000@gmail.com



## BELLE RINGER AWARDS: Recognizing those who support League priorities



### DIRECTIONS

Each local League is invited to identify up to four members—one in each area—to be acknowledged for their contribution to the League and/or League members.

- A. In the space provided, **or on a separate sheet**, print the name of the member being acknowledged and a very brief description (one sentence) of how they have made a difference.
- B. Any member is eligible.
- C. Recipients of Belle Ringer Awards are not required to attend convention.
- D. Return your League's list of awardees by April 15, 2021 using the contact information appearing at the bottom of Page 5.
- E. **Please include an email and a PICTURE** of the recipient. If you don't have a picture, we will request it directly from the recipient.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact 2021 Convention Chair, Paula Bowman at 734-277-2243 or paulabowman9000@gmail.com

January 15, 2021

Complete this worksheet (or use a separate sheet) to request that up to four local League members be acknowledged and recognized for their support of League priorities. Each Belle Ringer will be publicly thanked for their service during the State Convention. These are non-competitive awards.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of local League

\_\_\_\_\_  
League contact person, email address & phone #

#### ADVOCACY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of League Member



#### VOTER SERVICE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of League Member



#### MEMBER RECRUITMENT & ENGAGEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of League Member



#### STRATEGIC PLANNING and/or FUNDRAISING

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of League Member

