



MARY FOSTER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Mary Foster was the first woman lawyer in Ann Arbor. She entered law school at age 49 and graduated with high honors from the University of Michigan Law School in 1876. According to “The History of Washtenaw County,” 1881 edition: “Mrs. Foster ranks high among the profession in this part of the state and her success has exceeded her most sanguine expectations.”

Therefore, in honor of Mrs. Foster’s achievements, the award bearing her name is bestowed annually to a member of our organization whose leadership, talent, and significant contributions to women, provide a role model for women in the profession and women in general.

Past recipients have included: Jean King, the Honorable Barbara Hackett, the Honorable Melinda Morris, Zena Zumeta, Sally Rutzky, Sally Fink, Barb Kessler, the Honorable Elizabeth Hines, the Honorable Darlene O’Brien, Teressa Killeen, Rebecca Shiemke, the Honorable Ann Mattson, Jennifer Salvatore, Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, Heidi Salter-Ferris, Deb LaBelle, Margaret Nichols, Angela Walker, Elizabeth Kitchen-Troop and last year’s recipient the Honorable Karen Q. Valvo.

Nominations for this year’s award will be accepted until **November 30, 2022**

The nominations should contain a concise statement about the nominee and the reasons she should receive this award.

Please send all nominations via email to

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