

**2025 Women of Distinction/Young Women
of Distinction Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: (_____) _____
E-mail: (optional) _____
Date of Birth (**Young Woman of Distinction ONLY**): _____
Name of person making nomination: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: (_____) _____
E-mail: _____

Statement of Nomination (to be included with nomination form)

The Statement of Nomination should explain how the nominee meets the criteria set forth under “what defines a Woman of Distinction...” on page 2 of this brochure.

The information supporting the nomination may be presented in an essay or narrative format, or may be a listing of qualities and accomplishments attributed to the nominee.

The Statement of Nomination should not exceed 5 typed pages. Other supporting materials may be submitted at the nominator’s discretion.

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I attest the information contained on this form and in the Statement of Nomination are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of person making nomination

Date

Nomination Procedures

Nomination and other supporting materials must be received by 5:00 pm Tuesday, September 9th, 2025. To be considered a nomination it must include a completed and signed nomination form and a Statement of Nomination. Other supporting materials may be submitted at the discretion of the person submitting the nomination.

Nominations are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked “Woman of Distinction Nomination.”

Nominations may be mailed to PO Box 524 Valdez, AK 99686, or Email to: executive@avvalaska.org or hand delivered to the AVV office located at 551 Woodside, Valdez 99686.

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**Advocates for Victims of Violence,
Incorporated**

**Is currently seeking nominations
for the eighteenth annual**

Women of Distinction Awards

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Advocates for Victims of Violence, Incorporated

18th Annual Women of Distinction Awards

Women of Distinction awards recognize women who have made a significant contribution to their communities and to the advancement of women in our society. Advocates for Victims of Violence, Inc. is pleased to bring this program to the Valdez and Copper River Basin community. The celebration and dinner will be held on Saturday, October 11th, 2025.

What defines a Woman of Distinction?

A **Young Woman of Distinction** is an exceptional young woman aged 17-30 (DOB: 1/1/1995 - 10/11/2008) who is an inspiration to others by:

- Demonstrating leadership, maturity, and compassion.
- Demonstrating initiative, perseverance, innovation, and achievement.
- Her commitment to a cause or pursuit of a personal dream.
- Being a role model for other young people.

A **Woman of Distinction** inspires others. She has achieved outstanding success by:

- Being a leader. She demonstrates integrity and leadership characteristics.
- Being a role model for others.
- Breaking new ground or old barriers.
- Demonstrating strong civic, professional, and/or philanthropic commitment and achievement.
- Guiding, supporting, and encouraging the development of others.
- Showing vision, creativity, and initiative.
- Making a sustained commitment and significant difference.
- Being respected by her community for her contributions.

Women of Distinction Nomination and Selection Process

Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination, a woman must be a resident of the Valdez and Copper River Basin area. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Current members of the AVV Board or AVV staff are not eligible. Previous years honorees are not eligible for re-nomination.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee is composed of:

- At least two community members
- Two members of the AVV Board of Directors
- One AVV staff member

The Nominations will be evaluated as follows:

- In relation to the published selection criteria.
- Only on the merit of the submission materials received.
- During the review process, the committee may contact nominees, nominators or supporters to confirm/clarify information.
- The deliberations of the Selection Committee and AVV Board of Directors are confidential. All decisions of the AVV Board are final.
- Nominations received after the published deadline will not be considered.

Women of Distinction Awards

- All 2025 Women of Distinction will be honored at the Awards Celebration on October 11th, 2025.
- Winners of the *Bette Cato Inspirational Award* and the *Bette Cato Rising Star Award* will be announced. These awards include a monetary prize of \$1,000.
- 2025 Women of Distinction will be recognized in media announcements regarding the event.

Please email executive@avvalaska.org for nomination forms and details on the complete nomination and selection process. Call (907) 835-2980 for more information.