



The Steel Magnolia Award

The Steel Magnolia 2011 Nomination Form

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The Steel Magnolia Award - Terms of Eligibility 2011

Purpose

The Steel Magnolia Award honors women of all ages who have faced personal adversity and have shown exceptional strength, courage, compassion and leadership through their work in support of their communities. Up to ten awards of \$1,000 each are awarded annually in the form of donations made to eligible charities in the recipient's honor. Payment of the donations will be made by the Middletown Community Foundation directly to those eligible charities designated by each of the recognized women. There will be no more than one recipient per AK Steel U.S. location per year.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a nominee must be a woman that resides in the vicinity of an AK Steel facility located in Ashland, Kentucky; Butler, Pennsylvania; Columbus, Indiana; Coshocton, Ohio; Mansfield, Ohio; Middletown, Ohio; Rockport, Indiana; Walbridge, Ohio; West Chester, Ohio; and Zanesville, Ohio. The applicant must be nominated by another individual who feels that the applicant's strength of character and community spirit are an inspiration. Awards may be given posthumously. In the event the applicant is nominated posthumously, the nominator is asked to identify a person who can complete The Steel Magnolia Acknowledgement Form.

An applicant or nominee need not be associated in any way with AK Steel; provided, however, that employees, spouses or other immediate family members of AK Steel and wholly-owned subsidiaries of AK Steel are also eligible to nominate and receive a Steel Magnolia Award.

Those women chosen as Steel Magnolia recipients are eligible for recognition one time. Others are permitted to apply multiple times.

Eligibility of Posthumous Nominees

A woman may be nominated posthumously for the award if her death occurred within one year of April 1, 2011.

How to apply

Nomination forms and Acknowledgement forms are available from the following:

- Middletown Community Foundation
300 N. Main Street, #300
Middletown, OH 45042
- As a printable form from the homepage of the Middletown Community Foundation
(www.mcfoundation.org/steelmagnolia/)

Nomination forms must be received by August 31, 2011. Acknowledgement forms must be received by September 15, 2011.

Selection of Award Recipients

The administration of the Steel Magnolia Award program is conducted by The Middletown Community Foundation. Final recipients are selected by an independent panel of judges from various plant communities selected solely by The Middletown Community Foundation. No employees of AK Steel or members of The AK Steel Foundation are involved in any way with the appointment of the independent selection committee members or with the selection of the award recipients. All requested information must be submitted before the stated deadlines for a nominee to be considered for the award.

Payment of Award

Recipients will be required to submit to The Middletown Community Foundation the name of an eligible charity within thirty (30) days of notice of selection.

Important Notice

You must mail your nomination and acknowledgement forms, with original signatures by U.S. Mail or by a private express mail delivery service (Federal Express, UPS, etc.) to The Middletown Community Foundation. The Middletown Community Foundation will not accept e-mailed, faxed or personally delivered nomination forms or acknowledgement forms. We strongly encourage nominees and applicants to utilize mail-tracking information.

Nominees and Applicants are strongly encouraged to enclose with the forms a stamped, self-addressed envelope and request that The Middletown Community Foundation notify you that your information has been timely received.



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DO YOU KNOW A STEEL MAGNOLIA?

The Steel Magnolia Award honors women of all ages who have faced personal adversity and have shown exceptional strength, courage, compassion and leadership through their work in support of their communities. Up to ten awards of \$1,000 each are awarded annually. The cash award will be made payable to the eligible charity of the recipient's choice. There will be no more than one recipient per AK Steel facility location per year.

If you know a woman who is a Steel Magnolia, please complete the nomination form. Forms must be returned to the Middletown Community Foundation by August 31, 2011.

Date: _____

1.

Name of Nominated Woman:		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Email	

2. In 500 words or less, please describe why this woman is a Steel Magnolia. Include this nomination in a typed attachment.

3. Contact information for the person making the nomination:

Name		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Email	

Please return the form to:
Middletown Community Foundation
300 N. Main Street, #300
Middletown, OH 45042
Questions, call 513-424-7369

The original and signed form must be received by mail at The Middletown Community Foundation by August 31, 2011. See the accompanying Terms of Eligibility 2011 for more information.