

U.S. Embassy Belmopan Belize Woman of the Year 2010

In the spirit of International Women's Day, U.S. Embassy Belmopan will recognize outstanding Belizean women for their inspirational accomplishments and positive contributions to their communities. The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the "Belize Woman of the Year 2010" contest. Nominations will be reviewed and a winner will be chosen by a panel comprised of representatives from the U.S. Embassy and the Belizean community. The Belize Woman of the Year will be honored at an awards ceremony and will be the nominee for the 2010 U.S. Secretary of State's International Women of Courage award.

Nominees should be individuals who have made positive contributions in their community. Successful candidates will be women who have made advancements in the following areas: human rights, strengthening democratic institutions; youth development; environmental preservation and advocacy; sustainable development; and women's advancement.

A nominee must be:

- a woman who is at least 18 years old; and
- a full citizen of Belize who permanently resides in Belize (nominees who are dual-citizens or with residency only, will not be considered). Please submit a copy of a current Belize Passport, Drivers License/ID Card, or Social Security Card.

U.S. Embassy Belmopan personnel and their immediate families are not eligible for participation.

Method of Nomination/Selection:

- Nomination may be made for Woman of the Year by any Belizean individual or group.
- A standard nomination form will be provided for all nominations.
- Current pictures or videos of the nominee participating in their community activities are encouraged.
- **Nominations are due February 12, 2010.**
- A panel of U.S. Embassy and Belizean community leaders will review all applications and select the recipient of the award based on the criteria stated above.

Date and Place of the Awards Ceremony:

- The awards ceremony will take place on March 3, 2010 in Belmopan.

The nomination form will be available for downloading on U.S. Embassy Belmopan's website at <http://belize.usembassy.gov>

Please fax, e-mail, or mail this form before the deadline to:

- Email: embbelize@state.gov (Please use "Woman of the Year" in the subject line)
- Fax #: 501-822-4012
- Address: Nicholas Ginger, No. 4 Floral Park Road, Belmopan

Belize Woman of the Year Nomination Form 2010

Your Name:	
Contact Phone #:	
E-mail Address:	

I wish to nominate the following as a woman of the year:

Name:	
Address:	
Contact Phone #:	
E-mail Address:	

Please list two to three references for your nominee:

Name/Organization:	Contact Phone #:	Email Address:

Please indicate the qualities you feel your nominee embodies in their work (you may check more than one):

Promoting Human Rights

Strengthening Democratic Institutions

Encouraging Youth Development

Environmental Preservation and Advocacy

Sustainable Development

Women's Advancement

Provide a brief description as to why this person should be Belize's Woman of the Year and how their work or contributions towards the Belizean community embody the qualities that are mentioned above:

