

Calling all Canadian Women in Collision Repair...and Students, too!

There are always such exciting things happening with the Women's Industry Network. There is never a dull moment, and we don't expect that to be changing anytime soon. The buzz around the hive these days has been about the quickly approaching deadline for submissions of nominees for the **Most Influential Women in Collision Repair** award. The **Most Influential Women** award recognizes women who have enriched the collision repair industry with their leadership, vision, and commitment to excellence. Here at WIN, we cannot stress enough that Canadian nominations are welcome and the deadline for submissions is Tuesday December 31, 2013.

Don't hide from us Canada! We know you have highly qualified women who deserve recognition for their efforts. Ask yourself a few questions. Do you know women who demonstrate industry and community involvement? Do they show visible industry leadership? Have they been successful in a professional role or won awards or accolades accordingly? If you answered yes to these questions, then give them a pat on the back and fill out a nomination form which can be found on the WIN website under the "**Most Influential Women**" tab. Honorees have held positions in every facet of the collision repair industry, as shop owners, body and paint technicians, managers, wholesalers, lobbyists, suppliers, insurance adjusters, consultants, educators, editors and writers, and industry association directors. Click here to download a nomination form: <http://thewomensindustrynetwork.ning.com/page/nominations-and-criteria-4>

Another quickly approaching deadline to mark on your calendar is January 15th 2014. This deadline is for applications for the newly expanded WIN Scholarship Program. WIN offers scholarships that will provide tuition assistance as well as educational opportunities and enrichment events to qualified applicants. The **College Student Tuition and Conference Scholarship Award** is presented to students enrolled in a post-secondary collision repair technology program. The **High School Tuition Scholarship Award** is presented to students enrolled in a secondary collision repair technology program who plan to continue their studies at a technical school or college. In addition, scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to be mentored by a 2014 recipient of the *Most Influential Women* award, being presented at the 2014 Educational Conference May 5-7, 2014 in San Diego, CA. Both of these scholarships are open to Canadian applicants as well. For more information on how to apply, go to <http://thewomensindustrynetwork.ning.com/page/scholarships>

The Women's Industry Network has provided many opportunities for women to build both personal and industry-related relationships. It has opened many doors for women who want to take advantage of the benefits this organization has to offer. Each year WIN's Educational Conference agenda is filled with inspirational speakers, industry updates and unlimited networking activities. Additionally, in 2014 the conference will be honoring the **Most Influential Women** at a gala awards dinner. So in case we haven't driven this home yet, bring us your best women Canada! Just make sure to do it before the upcoming deadlines. Submissions must be in by Dec 15th 2013 for the **Most Influential Women** award and January 15th 2014 for scholarship consideration.



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