



ATTA GIRL AWARDS 2009

Instructions to nominators

The Equipoise Fund energizes, enriches and encourages the vision, voice and visibility of the women and girls of Wyoming. We want to see individuals and communities across Wyoming actively value and respect the roles of women and girls, and to see Wyoming women and girls continually elevating those roles in their communities. The Equipoise Fund is a creative alternative to traditional funding for projects that enhance the vision, voice and visibility of Wyoming women.

The Atta Girl Awards were created to give Wyoming women and girls a “butt-boost” for all the lives they lift. The equipoise fund invites nominations of inspiring Wyoming women who use their energy and creativity to create positive change for women in Wyoming. Nominees may be engaged in personal, volunteer or professional venues. Their efforts should increase the vision, voice, and visibility of Wyoming women directly; or their efforts may empower and encourage other women to claim their voice.

Award

A selection committee made up of equipoise fund board, staff and friends will review nomination forms and select one woman or girl in each category of Vision, Voice and Visibility. Atta Girl recipients will be presented with a \$500 cash award as well as an Atta Girl original sculpture designed in glass. The equipoise fund publishes the inspiring stories of all finalist and winners in our e-newsletter as well as other venues.

Deadline

Nominations of extraordinary Wyoming women are accepted via the equipoise fund website on an ongoing basis. Nominations can be submitted by friends, family or colleagues, and a woman may submit her own name for consideration. If nominators wish to keep the nomination confidential, please advise the equipoise fund. Wyoming women of *any age* are eligible – you’re never too young or too old to make a difference!

Please know the selection committee will be reviewing many nominations. While we want to honor all nominees, we truly appreciate nominations that are compelling yet succinct.

The equipoise fund prefers to accept nominations via the online form on our website, www.eupoisefund.org, or via email to: met@eupoisefund.org. If you are unable to submit a nomination electronically, please send* your type-written nomination to:

the equipoise fund
p.o. box 1569
wilson, wy 83014

**If mailing nominations, please submit single-sided pages with NO STAPLES to facilitate photocopying. No faxed or handwritten nominations will be accepted.*



2009 Atta Girl Award Nomination Form

Please read the Instructions to Nominators carefully before completing this form

1. Basic Information

Nominee's Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Nominator's Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Can the equipoise fund add you to our mailing list? Yes No

2. Biographical Information (500 words or less)

Brief biography of the nominee that includes her major achievements and her contributions to her community. Please include a description of the nominee's connection to Wyoming. Feel free to get creative! Send us a poem, short story, or photograph.

3. DESCRIBE how the nominee has enhanced the vision, voice or visibility of Wyoming women.

4. DESCRIBE how she has inspired others with her unique creativity, energy and/or activities.

5. FOR WHICH of the nominee's accomplishments is she best known and least known?

6. WHAT OTHER INFORMATION about the nominee would you like the selection committee to know? (please limit to 300 words or less)

7. Does the nominee have relatives, friends, or colleagues we may contact regarding this nomination?
If so, please provide a list of these people and the information requested in the space below (*please do not attach letters of reference*).

Name:
Phone:
Email:
Relationship to nominee:

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We prefer to receive nominations electronically.

Please submit this form and all supporting materials to Melissa, met@equipoisefund.org.

Please call or email with any questions, (307)734-4202.

Please know we want to honor all nominees, but due to the number of nominations, we truly appreciate nominations that are compelling yet succinct. We would like to receive a photograph with the nomination - please let us know if we may use it to publicly celebrate your nominee.

If unable to submit this form electronically, single sided nominations with no staples will be accepted by mail at:
The Equipoise Fund
Attention: Atta Girl Awards
P.O. Box 1569
Wilson, WY 83014