



Nomination Form 2010 Sybil Ludington Women's Freedom Award

On the night of April 26, 1777, a wounded messenger barely reaches the home of New York militia officer Henry Ludington with desperate news of a British attack on nearby Danbury, Connecticut. Munitions and supplies for the entire region's militia were at stake, and with not a moment to spare, Colonel Ludington turned to his 16-year old daughter, Sybil, for help. While he organized the local militia, Sybil mounted her horse and galloped through the night to rally troops in the surrounding countryside. Trekking on dirt roads that were unknown to her, Sybil never lost sight of her mission -- to alert the patriots about the British attack, thereby preserving the cause of freedom. By risking her life that dark and desolate night, Sybil made a profound difference in America's successful pursuit to become a free and independent nation. For her act of courage, General Washington and General Rochambeau personally thanked her. Now to honor her accomplishment and the national accomplishments of modern heroines, the National Rifle Association bestows the prestigious **Sybil Ludington Women's Freedom Award** in her name.

Candidates for this award shall exemplify two or more of the following criteria:

- Must be a current National Rifle Association member in good standing;
- On a **national** level, must have demonstrated one or more of the following:
 - Outstanding performance in competitive shooting, outstanding dedication to hunting ethics and conservation, or outstanding promotion of recreational shooting activities;
 - Outstanding educational contributions to advancing the purposes and goals of the National Rifle Association, including appearances for the purpose of public education and/or significant writings;
 - Meritorious performance under perilous conditions through the lawful use of a firearm in defense of self and/or others;
 - Dedication to the protection of the Second Amendment through extensive legislative and/or legal contributions;
 - Outstanding volunteerism through personal involvement with, and promotion of, NRA programs and issues with significant recognized impact.

Nominations are to include a typed essay that addresses why the nominee should be chosen and other information that demonstrates the activities and accomplishments of the nominee. **Nomination packets are to be limited to five pages. Do not submit original photographs, newsletters or articles.** Please note: *Women cannot be nominated for both this award and the Marion P. Hammer Woman of Distinction Award in the same year.*

The NRA Women's Policies Committee will evaluate nominations and the winner will be presented with a crystal vase at a special ceremony at a meeting of the NRA Board of Directors in 2010. Please send nomination packets to:

NRA Women's Programs Department
Attention: Patty Zollman
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
1-703-267-1378

Nominations must be received by November 1, 2009.

Nominee Information

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____
NRA membership number (*mandatory*) _____

Nominator Information

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____
Nomination Date _____