WIB-Capital Region Rising Star Award Program

The Rising Star Award recognizes life sciences women in the early to mid-stage* of their career. Recipients of this honor represent various sectors of the life sciences who have made significant contributions within the Capital Region. Nominees are designated by HERstory Gold Sponsors and Capital Region Chapter Leading Sponsors; each sponsor designates one nominee who meets the award criteria. Additional nominations of WIB members accepted as well. The award is presented during the annual HERstory Gala.

*Mid-stage career is defined as up to 15 years of life sciences industry experience.

Rising Star Award recipients are individuals with the following characteristics:

- Women In Bio member
- No more than 15 years of professional career experience
- Exemplifies leadership and is a role model for others
- Assists those in subordinate or peer positions and is a team player
- Is a true example of top talent that their employment organization
- Contributes significantly to her organization, preferably in numerous areas
- Contributes to the life sciences ecosystem within the Capital Region.

Rising Star Award recipient selection process:

- HERstory Gold Sponsor or Capital Region Chapter Leading Sponsors nominate a potential recipient.
- Applications are reviewed and chosen by the HERstory Chair, WIB-Capital Region Chapter President and Vice President.
- Applications are reviewed annually. In the event that no nominee meets the Rising Star Award criteria (see above), the award will not be presented that year. If multiple nominations are received during a single year which meet the Rising Star Award criteria then multiple awards may be presented.

Rising Star Award accolades:

- Personal recognition at the HERstory Gala from the podium
- Acknowledgement in the WIB National Newsletter
- Being highlighted on the WIB-Capital Region Member Spotlight
- 1-year complementary attendance to all WIB-Capital Region events
- Invitation to participate in key Capital Region Chapter volunteer committees – gaining access to thought leaders, great visibility within the industry and experiential leadership opportunities

Submission Material:

- 1-page summary (0.5” margins, 10pt font) addressing the criteria above along with your professional goals, leadership/mentorship experience, contributions both within external to your company. Please also include a brief statement of what your Women In Bio membership means to you.
- 2 letters of support who can attest to your leadership skills and reasons why they are supporting your nomination.
- Nomination Packets DUE BY NOV. 29th to Kayla Valdes at capitalregion@womeninbio.org.