



Hello,

We are excited to share that we are now officially accepting session proposals for the 2nd Annual **Redwood Coast Women's Conference on September 10th** at the Sequoia Conference Center in Eureka. The conference is presented by the Redwood Coast Chamber Foundation, an affiliate of the Greater Eureka Chamber, in collaboration with RISE Advising Services and a dynamic planning committee.

This year's conference is designed as a space for connection, learning, and meaningful conversation among women leaders, professionals, and community members across our region. We are seeking speakers and facilitators who can bring practical insight, lived experience, and engaging dialogue to the audience, being respectful of all participants' perspectives.

We welcome proposals that may focus on topics such as:

- **Leading from Where You Are** — confidence, voice, influence, emerging leaders
- **Building the Networks That Build Us** — community, mentorship, relationships across difference
- **Navigating Change & Workplace Culture** — transitions, male-dominated fields, women of color
- **Whole-Person Wellbeing** — resilience, burnout, menopause, boundaries, health
- **Community, Impact & What Comes Next** — civic leadership, rural economy, intergenerational, future of work

Who We Are Looking For

We welcome proposals from a wide range of contributors — keynote speakers, workshop facilitators, panel moderators, and conversation leaders. What unites the presenters we are looking for is less about title or credentials, and more about approach:

- You lead with story as much as strategy
- You are comfortable with dialogue, not just delivery
- You bring a point of view without dismissing others
- You understand what it means to navigate professional life as a woman — in all its complexity
- You are respectful of the full range of perspectives in a diverse room

A Note on Representation

We are committed to a program that reflects the full diversity of women in our region, across race, age, industry, background, and experience level. We strongly encourage proposals from Women of Color, women in underrepresented fields, and emerging leaders who may not yet consider themselves "speakers" but have something important to say.

Presentation Formats

We welcome proposals in any of the following formats. Please indicate your preferred format in your submission, and we will work with you to determine the best fit.

Format	Duration	Best For
Keynote	30–45 minutes	Narrative-driven talks that open or close the day with vision and energy
Breakout Workshop	60–75 minutes	Skills-based, participatory sessions with tools and takeaways
Panel / Conversation	45–60 minutes	Moderated dialogue among 3–4 voices on a shared theme
Facilitated Circle	45–60 minutes	Intimate, peer-led discussion with light facilitation — community at the center

Proposal Information

We have designed the submission process to be straightforward, while giving us enough to make thoughtful decisions about fit and programming balance.

As part of the proposal process, we ask applicants to submit a brief video introduction (approximately 1-3 minutes in length). This does not need to be professionally produced — a simple recording from your phone is perfectly fine.

Please use the video to introduce yourself, share a bit about your proposed session, your connection to the topic, and what attendees can expect to take away from the experience.

Upload the video to Google Drive, YouTube (unlisted), Vimeo, Dropbox, or another cloud service and paste the shareable link in the proposal form. Please ensure the link is accessible to anyone with the link.

Your proposal should include:

- Your name, title, and a brief professional bio (150 words or fewer)
- Proposed session title and the category it best fits
- A brief description of your session: what you will cover, how you will engage participants, and what they will leave with (250 words or fewer)
- Your preferred format and any A/V or room setup needs
- A link to a prior talk, workshop, or writing sample (optional but encouraged)
- Any co-presenter or panelist you would like to include

Proposal submissions are now open.

Click [here](#) to submit your proposal. Deadline:

Priority review begins: July 20, 2026

Final consideration deadline: July 27, 2026

If you have questions or would like to explore an idea before submitting, feel free to reach out to kathy@riseadvisingservices.com or nancy@eurekachamber.com.

We are looking forward to building a powerful and engaging program together.

Thank you for your interest in submitting a proposal and supporting this conference.