

2019 Maryland State Conference NAACP Annual Awards Call for Nominations

AUGUST 31, 2019 DEADLINE

The Maryland State Conference (MSC), NAACP is now accepting nominations for its 2019, MSC, NAACP Annual Awards. The awards will be presented at the 79th Annual Convention, October 25-26, 2019 which will be held at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842.

Nominate a member of NAACP who you believe has demonstrated leadership, extraordinary work, achievement and numerous volunteer hours in the pursuit of political, educational, social, and economic advancement and equity. You may also nominate a business, corporation, organization or faith-based organization that has provided community services, partnerships, or educational opportunities with the branches and within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.

The narrative about the nominee must include civic engagement, activism or advocacy in the pursuit of political, educational, social, and economic advancement and equity for all people. The nomination form must be filled out (separate pages are accepted) and submitted with only one of the award listed below per Nomination Form by **Saturday, August 31, 2019**.

Summary of Award Category

- The Enolia P. McMillan **“Women in NAACP”** Award. Named for *Ms. Enolia P. McMillan who served as the first female national president of the NAACP.*
- The Kweisi Mfume **Excellence in Advocacy** Award. Named for *The Honorable Kweisi Mfume who served as the President/CEO, NAACP, Congressman, City Councilman and Civil Rights Activist from Maryland.*
- The Parren J. Mitchell **Humanitarian** Award. Named for *The Honorable Parren J. Mitchell who served as the first African American elected to Congress from Maryland.*
- The **Education Visionary Leadership** Award. Presented to leaders working with others to strengthen student achievement and professional development.
- The **Youth Leadership/Service** Award. Presented to a *youth or young adult member of NAACP.*
- The **Corporation, Business or Organization** Award. Presented for *active part in the branches through participation and investment.*
- The **Faith-Based Organization** Award. Presented for *providing services and resources to the community and neighborhood.*

Please complete the 2019 Maryland State Conference (MSC), NAACP Annual Award Nomination Form and submit (electronic copy) by **August 31, 2019**, to Dr. Barbara Dezmon at bdezmon@verizon.net or send (hard copy) to: Maryland State Conference NAACP Awards Committee, Post Office Box 9702, Arnold, MD 21012.

NOMINATION FORM

A NARRATIVE ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Please check only one award category per nomination form. Submit the nomination form completely filled out and with supporting documents as written per award criteria, by **August 31, 2019**. It is important that you provide as much information as possible about your nominee and their contributions per award category selected. Please, no more than five pages per nomination package.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Women in NAACP | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent in Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Visionary Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leadership/Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation, Business or Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organization | |

Nominee Information

Name of Individual or Organization (if applicable) _____

Member of NAACP: Yes___ No___ Branch/Unit No. _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number _____ Cell Number: _____

1. Please provide a clearly written open narrative statement about the nominee's involvement in civic engagement, activism or advocacy in the pursuit of political, educational, social, and/or economic advancement.
2. Please explain why this nominee should be selected based on the individual background, work or achievements in the selected award category and how it has had an impact or has made a difference?
3. What makes the nominee's work unique to the purpose of NAACP and the community?
4. Can this nomination be used as a model throughout the country to advocate on behalf of all people, including women; If so how?
5. What method was used to involve the branches, community network, and/or others in pursuit of political, educational, social, and economic advancement and equity for all people?

Nominator Information

Name of Contact Person Submitting this Nomination: _____

Member of NAACP: Yes___ No___ Branch/Unit No. _____

Award Category: _____ Nominee: _____

Your Title/Organization Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Nominator/Nominee Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

2019 MARYLAND STATE CONFERENCE (MSC), NAACP ANNUAL AWARDS

PURPOSE

The Maryland State Conference (MSC) Annual Award is presented annually to distinguished members of Branches, community leadership, youth and young adults, and partnership organizations within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference of the NAACP. This award is given to visionary leaders for their extraordinary work and achievement in the pursuit of political, educational, social, and economic advancement and equity for all people.

Up to five Trailblazer Leadership Awards and up to two Corporation, Business, Organization or Faith-Based Organization Awards are given to individuals who are providing community services; partnerships; or educational opportunities with the branches as it relates to civic engagement, activism or advocacy within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference on behalf of all people.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- The nominee seeking the Trailblazer Leadership Award must be a member of a MSC local branch/unit of NAACP and Corporation, Business, Organization, or Faith-Based Organization must be within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference of the NAACP.
- The nominee work or achievement must be within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference on behalf of all people.
- The nominee in four of the award categories must be a member of NAACP.
- The narrative about the nominee must include civic engagement, activism or advocacy in the pursuit of political, educational, social, and economic advancement and equity for all people.
- Nomination Form with supporting documents must not exceed five pages. **You may submit your nomination package electronically to: Dr. Barbara Dezmon @ bdezmon@verizon.net mail hard copy to Maryland State Conference, NAACP Awards Committee, P.O. Box 9702, Arnold, MD 21012.**

DUE DATE: AUGUST 31, 2019

All nomination submissions must be typewritten, accompanied by the nomination form, supporting documents and not to exceed five pages, **August 31, 2019.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Maryland State Conference Awards Committee will review nominee narrative and documentation (papers, photographs, letters of support or recommendation, newspapers and/or newsletters, etc.,) which seeks to support the purpose of NAACP and the selected award category identified within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference on behalf of all people.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

The Enolia P. McMillan “Women in NAACP” Award

The award shall be given in recognition of the legacy of Enolia P. McMillan, who served as the first female national president of the NAACP. The criteria for the nomination are:

- Recipient must be an active female NAACP member within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
- Demonstrated exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work in their service to others.
- Contributed her time, efforts and talents to the public which has been conspicuous in its benefit to the greater community.
- Must have inspired those associated with her to strive for excellence in performance and services which has been demonstrated by her personal efforts.

The Kweisi Mfume Excellence in Advocacy Award

The award shall be given in recognition of the legacy of Kweisi Mfume: former President/CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Congressman, Maryland 7th Congressional District; Councilman, Baltimore City Council; and Civil Rights Activist. An advocate who believed he could make a difference by working on the behalf of civic and human rights for all people. The criteria for the recipient are:

- Must be a NAACP member within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
- Must be actively involved with civic and community engagement.
- Must be able to demonstrate the role of advocacy for a specific cause by working together with the community and on the behalf of the voiceless.
- Must be able to navigate through diverse systems of authority and/or leadership, community organizations, city officials, state delegates and congress to advocate on the civic and human rights of all people.

The Parren J. Mitchell Humanitarian Award

The award shall be given in recognition of the legacy of Parren J. Mitchell, who served as the first African American elected to Congress from Maryland and one of the founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus. The criteria for the recipient are:

- Recipient must be a NAACP member within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
- Demonstrated concern for improving people’s lives and welfare.
- Demonstrated commitment to securing and advancing the ideals of equity, opportunity, and diversity in society.
- Must have made extraordinary contributions affecting legal, social, or political policies or programs in pursuit of freedom civil liberties and civil rights on behalf of all Americans.

The Education Visionary Leadership Award

The award recognizes individuals, students, educators, and institutions that are actively involved with giving back to the community through educational opportunities and workforce development for striving young students and working adults. It also recognizes those who have advocated for better schools, scholarships, financial assistance, internship, professional development and job opportunities:

- Recipient should be able to demonstrate that they have actively participated in leadership roles to advocate for academic excellence on behalf of students, parents, teachers, faculty members and staff.

- Recipient should be actively involved in promoting public awareness and engaging the community into advocating for effective education policies and issues; school funding; and teachers and/or professors through forums, public board meetings, and hearings held by elected officials, superintendents or presidents of colleges and educational institutions.
- Recipient should be able to show that they have a community network that could include students, parents, teachers, school board members and/or faculty members.
- Recipient should be able to take the lead in promoting innovative ways to communicate information using modern technology that can be accessed by all active parties, e.g., using telephone/cell phone; internet; voice; webinar or web-based technology for meetings, teleconferences, video conferences, or disseminating messages.

The Youth Leadership/Service Award

The award shall be given to a youth or young adult NAACP member. The criteria for the recipient are:

- Recipient must be an active NAACP member within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
- Must have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and has performed unselfish service to the NAACP or the local community.
- Must demonstrate exemplary leadership and work well with a diverse group of individuals.
- Must have demonstrated successful academic achievement and shown genuine respect for his/her peers and elders.

Corporation, Business or Organization Award

The award recognizes corporations, businesses, or organizations that actively participate in community and civic engagements which carry forth the purpose of NAACP and within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference

- Recipient must currently be an owner, entrepreneur, employee or volunteer in a corporation, business or organization in areas that provides services or information to the community.
- Recipient must demonstrate his/her commitment to partner or to provide resources to NAACP or the community with same or similar mission that empowers the community in said areas: health, economic development, mentoring, and others.
- Recipient must contribute or donate in-kind services to the community as part of his commitment to participate as a partner or to give back to the community.
- Recipient must demonstrate his/her ability to participate in an internship program, related work studies or volunteer program as a mentor to interested parties.
- Recipient must be actively engaged in reaching out to the community as an individual who believes in working closely with said persons in making a difference by using his/her own knowledge, skill and talent as a mentor, and/or volunteer.

Faith-Based Organization Award

The award recognizes the church or religious institution for its outreach programs and commitments and services to the congregation, community and neighborhood:

- Recipient must provide opportunity for the congregation or members to actively participate in outreach to the community and neighborhood within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
- Must demonstrate community services or provide resources in housing, employment/career, education, child care, shelter, homeless population, health, food distribution, financial assistance and others.
- Must promote and invite the members of the church and religious institutions to work collectively with the community in addressing issues through forums, conferences, and other organizational structures.
- Must demonstrate partnership opportunities within the church or religious institutions that have been designed to work with children, youth, education, single and teen parents, advocates for children and parents in shelters, community service and/or student learning service credits, and volunteer hours.

AWARD CRITERIA

You can only submit one nomination form, one nominee to the category which best fit the nominee. The person nominated must have rendered services either in the community or branch within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference., You must also write a separate narrative for each category in which you are applying. A summary of each award category is listed above and a full description of the award can be found under each award category. **After making the selection you must be able to demonstrate the best fit between the nominee and the award category.** Please read the nomination guidelines and award descriptions for each category before writing your narrative about the nominee. The full nomination package must not exceed five pages. Any category that does not receive a nominee will be filled at the discretion of the President and the awards committee.