

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS  
FOR THE  
*2026 CIVIL RIGHTS HALL OF FAME***

March 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026

*Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame*

Kentucky has a rich tradition of diverse civil rights activists whose efforts on many battlegrounds have helped to improve the lives of Kentuckians. The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame was established in 2000 to recognize these brave men and women who have been leaders in the struggle for equality and justice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Civil Rights Hall of Fame inductees have worked for desegregation of schools and public accommodations. They pushed for civil rights legislation and equal opportunity in education, employment, and housing. They have given of their time, resources, and service toward efforts that challenged and changed old, unjust philosophies and systems.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame serves to raise public awareness about human rights issues and to foster an environment for discussion and education regarding state civil rights history and ongoing challenges. It is a tool to encourage citizens to strive for equality and mutual understanding.

Online nomination form:





## **KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

### **2026 Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Nomination Form**

**Nomination Deadline: June 30, 2026**

#### **Nominee Criteria:**

**Nominees may be individuals living or deceased, who:**

- **Have shown or show exemplary leadership and achievement in civil and human rights in Kentucky.**
- **Have advocated or advocate for human and civil rights through actions and deeds in Kentucky.**
- **Have served or serve as a role model and beacon in civil rights to eliminate barriers in Kentucky.**

#### **Judging Criteria:**

*Important: Judging of nominations will be based solely on the information submitted. Thorough letters of recommendation and complete information are extremely important. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Please be thorough. Please provide:*

- **A biography (200-500 words) which outlines nominee's contributions to civil rights in Kentucky and includes:**
  - Life and career accomplishments
  - Contributions to civil rights in the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- **Three letters of recommendation supporting the nomination.**
- **A picture of the nominee *A color camera-ready photo of the nominee must accompany nomination form (photos will be scanned and returned upon request). Black and white photos will be accepted if color photo not available. Preferably email digital photo to [kchr.mail@ky.gov](mailto:kchr.mail@ky.gov) with subject line "Civil Rights Hall of Fame."***

*Complete nominations will be accepted if received by the deadline June 30, 2026*

*For any questions, please contact Karen Cottrell at 502-764-2763*





**Nominee Qualifying Contributions & Achievements: (200-500 words) (attach extra sheet if needed)**

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**NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evening Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*A color camera-ready photo of the nominee must accompany nomination form (photos will be scanned and returned upon request). Black and white photos will be accepted if color photo not available.*

**Email to: [kchr.mail@ky.gov](mailto:kchr.mail@ky.gov) or mail to  
2026 Civil Rights Hall of Fame Nomination  
Kentucky Commission on Human Rights  
312 Whittington Parkway Suite 020  
Louisville, KY 40222**

**Complete Online**



### **Packet Checklist**

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