

Commission on Human Rights

Nominations needed for 2014 KY Civil Rights Hall of Fame, deadline July 15

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights needs your nomination for the 2014 KY Civil Rights Hall of Fame. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, July 15.

Now is your time to nominate one or more individuals you would like to honor for the progress they have helped bring about in the areas of civil and human rights.

The commission is planning the induction ceremony for October 2014. Details will be announced as soon as possible.

The nomination form and instructions may be found at the top of the commission website at www.kchr.ky.gov. For additional assistance, call Cynthia Fox at 502.782.9726.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame was established in 2000 to recognize brave men and women who have been leaders in the struggle for equality and justice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Inductees have worked to end discrimination in several areas.

As examples, they have fought for desegregation of schools and public accommodations; they have pushed for civil rights legislation and equal opportunity in education, employment and housing; and, they have given of their time, resources, and service toward efforts that challenged and changed old, unjust philosophies and systems. Inductees and nominees have helped improved the lives of others in Kentucky based on disability, race, national origin, religion, gender, race, color, age, and familial status.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame is designed to raise public awareness about human rights issues and to foster an environment for discussion and education regarding Kentucky civil rights history and ongoing challenges.

After the inaugural 2000 event, inductions were held again in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2010 and 2012.

Most of the induction ceremonies have occurred in Louisville. However, in 2005, the event was held in Frankfort at Kentucky State University, at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights in September 2007, and at the Lyric Theatre in Lexington in 2012.

Since the inaugural event, 132 people have been inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame; 22 in 2000, 16 in 2001, 14 in 2003, 14 in 2005, 21 in 2007, 31 in 2010, and 14 in 2012.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government agency that enforces the laws that make discrimination illegal. For help with discrimination, call the commission at 1.800.292.5566.