



Commonwealth of Kentucky

## Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

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### Call for Nominations to the 2017 Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Inductions

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights proudly announces the call for nominations to the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame 2017 inductions.

Please help by nominating one or more of your favorite Kentucky civil or human rights advocates who have worked to further Kentucky in the area of fair treatment and equal opportunity.

Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The inductions ceremony will be held in the fall on a date and at a location to be announced. Scroll down to find the nomination form.

Nominees may be people from current or past eras, either living or deceased, who have dedicated themselves to helping others in Kentucky and beyond gain fair treatment, equality, improved quality of life, and human and civil rights, in general. Included are advocates who have worked to make life better by dedicating themselves to helping in a variety of ways members of the protected classes of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act. Protected classes are race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, and family status in housing. Nominees for the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame will have shown exemplary leadership and achievements in human or civil rights in Kentucky.

Members of the public age 18 and older may make a nomination for a person they believe should be inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame. The inductees will be selected by an independent panel of judges from throughout the state of Kentucky.

Mail the completed nomination materials to Cynthia Fox, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, 332 West Broadway, Louisville, Ky., 40202. For more information about making a nomination or to receive help with completing a nomination form, call Cynthia Fox at 502.566.9963 or email her at [Cynthia.Fox@ky.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Fox@ky.gov).

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame was established in 2000 to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, which is now 52 years old, and is the state

authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act. Since 2000, the commission has held periodic inductions to its Hall of Fame to honor Kentucky men and women who have helped achieve or further equality and fair treatment for others, through work, advocacy, activism, or volunteerism.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces laws that prohibit discrimination. For help with discrimination or to make a discrimination complaint, contact the commission at 1.800.292.5566. For information about the commission and civil rights, visit the website at [www.kchr.ky.gov](http://www.kchr.ky.gov).

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The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Nomination Form is on the next page.



## KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

2017 Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame  
Nomination Form

**Nomination Deadline: May 31, 2017**

### 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 nominee's contributions.

All complete nominations will be accepted if received by the deadline (**May 31, 2017**).

For assistance, call Cynthia Fox of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at 502.566.9963

## 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 brave men and women who have been leaders for equality and justice in our state. Inductees 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 to challenge and change antiquated, unjust philosophies and systems.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame serves to raise public awareness of human and civil rights issues and to foster an environment for discussion and education in state civil rights history. The inductions serve as a tool to encourage citizens to strive for equality and mutual understanding.

There are thus far 155 inductees to the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame: 22 were inducted in 2000, 16 in 2001, 14 in 2003, 14 in 2005, 21 in 2007, 31 in 2010, 14 in 2012, and 23 in 2014.

### Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Inductees

#### 2000

Anderson, Charles W.  
Baker, Henry  
Breathitt, Edward  
Childress, William Hobbs  
Clay, Cassius Marcellus  
Coleman, Louis  
Dearing, J. Earl  
Deye, Anthony  
Gray, Leonard  
Harvey Sr., Werdelle Green  
Johnson, Lyman T.  
Kidd, Mae Street  
Kirby, Charles  
Martin, Galen  
Meyzeek, Albert E.  
Owsley, Donald  
Powers, Georgia Davis  
Stanley, Frank L., Sr.  
Walters, Arthur  
Welch, David  
Wilson, Atwood  
Young, Jr., Whitney

#### 2001

Bell, Ira  
Braden, Anne M.  
Braden, Carl  
Claybrook, Edward  
Cole, I. Willis  
Combs, Governor Bert T  
Estill, Bishop Robert W.  
Jones, Rev. William A  
Lewis, Julia E  
Marlett, Dr. Abby  
Moxley, Dr. Frank O  
Neal, Senator Gerald A.  
Oberst, Professor Paul

Robinson, Dr. Samuel  
Ward, Lucretia B  
Warders, Jesse P

#### 2003

Bratt, Professor Carolyn S  
Brown, Rev Bob W  
Bryant, Ruth Booker  
Cunningham, Raoul  
Graves, Joe  
Horrigan, Rev Alfred F.

Jones, Mattie Johnson  
Laine, Henry Allen  
Miller, Robert S.  
Neal, Sterling, Sr.  
Owens, Darryl T.  
Wallace, Henry  
Warley, William  
Young, William Carl

#### 2005

Arciniega, Sister Lupe  
Blume, Norbert L.  
Coleman, Robert  
Duncan, Robert Todd  
Fee, John G.  
Huddleston, Sen. Walter  
"Dee"  
Irvin, Cass  
Johnson, John J.  
McMillian, Dr. Joseph  
Rabb, Dr. Maurice F.  
Stanley, Governor  
Augustus O.  
Sykes, Harry N.  
Watts, Beverly  
Woodson, Carter G.

#### 2007

Billings, Ron  
Coleman, Dr. Gertrude W.  
Fields, Harry Eugene  
Gordon-Brown, Gerry  
Jones, Rev. Henry Wise  
Laine, Henry Allen  
Lincoln, President Abraham  
Moffet, Tom  
Moreland, Jack  
Mullins, Pamela  
Porterfield, Rosella French  
Post, Suzy  
Sands, Dr. Donald E.  
Sheppard, Rev. William H.  
Shimfessel, Alice T.  
Smith, Isiah  
Thurmond, Elizabeth  
"Bettye"  
Thurmond, Hal  
Turner, Dr. William "Bill"  
Wallace, Carla  
Walling, William English

#### 2010

Acton, Wesley Earl  
Bather, Paul  
Bond, Dr. James  
Brown, Curlee, Sr.  
Bucher, Sis. Janet  
Clabes, Judith G.  
Clooney, Nick  
Cowen, Joe  
Cunningham, Robert  
Cunningham, Terry  
Delahanty, Judge Robert  
Demartra, Nancy  
Doggett, Bennie  
Dunnigan, Alice  
Hargraves, Leona T.  
Harper, Nathaniel  
Johnson, Rev. Walter L.  
Lesser, Rev. Leo  
Lewis, Gracie  
Neblett, Charles  
Neblett, Hattie  
Neblett, Reginald  
Peebles, Porter G.  
Reese, Harold (Pee Wee)  
Reno, Sis. Pat  
Ryan, Norbert J.  
Scorsone, Judge Ernesto  
Thomas, Lee B., Jr.  
Wagner, Ann  
Weinstein, Marsha  
Williams-King, Rev. A. D.

#### 2012

Benn, Louis M.  
Brown, Richard  
Burney, George  
Coleman, Thurmond, Sr  
Collins, Martha Layne  
Cosby, Laken Jr.  
Delahanty, Delores  
Elliott, Rev. Charles, Jr.  
Greivous, Audrey Louise Ross  
Harris, Jessie  
Jackson, Carol  
Johnson, Priscilla  
Mansilla, Edgardo  
Mayes, Marcellus

#### 2014

Akins, Roszalyn  
Anderson, Dr. Alan B.  
Aubespain, Mervin  
Cleveland, Dr. Roger  
Cofield, William  
Coleman, Samuel, Sr.  
Davis, Merlene  
Grundy, Chester  
Hamilton, Ed  
Karem, Edmund P.  
Lanier, Shelby, Jr.  
McCray, Linda  
McMurry, William F.  
Miller-Cooper, Carolyn  
Newman, V. Ann  
Porter, Woodford, Sr.  
Saltsman, Scottie  
Stanley, Frank L., Jr.  
Sweeney, Dr. Pruitt Owsley  
Watkins, Gloria Jean *bell hooks*  
West, Judy Moberly  
Williams, Abraham  
Wilson, Harrison Benjamin, Jr.

#### 2016

Roszalyn Akins  
Alan B. Anderson  
Mervin Aubespain  
Roger Cleveland  
William Cofield Sr.  
Merlene Davis  
Samuel Coleman Sr.  
Chester Grundy  
Ed Hamilton  
Shelby Lanier Jr.  
William F. McMurry  
Linda McCray  
Carolyn Miller-Cooper  
V. Ann Newman  
Woodford Porter Sr.  
Scottie Saltsman  
Frank L. Stanley Jr.  
Edmond P. "Pete" Karem  
Pruitt Sweeney  
Gloria Watkins (bell hooks)  
Abraham Williams  
Judy West  
Harrison Wilson Jr.

# NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Birth Place (City, County & State) \_\_\_\_\_

If living, Nominee's Day Time Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If deceased, year of death \_\_\_\_\_

If deceased, representative or next of kin contact information: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Biographical Profile: (200-500 words) (attach extra sheet if needed)

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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail to:  
Kentucky Commission on Human Rights  
Attn: Cynthia Fox/KCRHF Nomination