



Greater Scranton MLK Commission

Po Box 451
Scranton, PA 18501

Greater Scranton MLK Commission Annual Awards Application and Criteria

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In recognition of the life and efforts of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Greater Scranton MLK Commission is honored to open a call for nominations for our four annual awards. Each year, the Commission offers awards to outstanding individuals in the Scranton, Pennsylvania and surrounding communities who exemplify Dr. King's character, values, and commitment to social justice and equality. The recipients are honored at the Greater Scranton MLK Commission banquet in January.

The awards (with descriptions below) are as follows:

Business of the Year Award

- This nominee should be a long standing minority-owned business that exemplifies an inspirational vision, leadership and standard of excellence beyond simply business as usual.

Distinguished Honor Award

- This nominee from the greater Scranton community should exemplify Dr. King's vision by demonstrating commitment to the community through past and present diversity activities.

Leader of the Year Award

- This nominee should demonstrate confidence, motivation, and selfless service in pursuit of fulfilling community needs and personal development from within the minority community.

Youth Leader Award

- This nominee should be middle or high school age, have well-defined goals for the future and should have accomplished, in a positive manner, one or more of the following: Overcame personal problems or adversities resulting in a positive life change; and/or demonstrates positive community involvement.

Nomination materials: A completed application (attached with this letter) and a letter of recommendation must be received electronically **by 5:00pm on Friday, January 8, 2015 for full consideration. Individuals selected for the award will be notified soon thereafter and will be invited to attend our banquet on January 18, 2015**, where they will be recognized and awarded. Nominations can be sent to paul.porter@scranton.edu

If you have questions about preparing your application or other comments, please feel free to contact Dr. Paul Porter, Vice President of the Greater Scranton MLK Commission and Chair of the Awards Committee at paul.porter@scranton.edu.



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Award Nomination

Application Deadline: Friday, January 8, 2015

Award

Please check the box indicating award sought

- ☐ Business of the Year
- ☐ Distinguished Honor
- ☐ Leader of the Year
- ☐ Youth Leader

Nominator Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Nominee Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____



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Letter of Recommendation

Please use the page below (or an attached document) to include a letter of support for your nominee. The letter should highlight the nominee's strengths as well as incorporate the manner in which the nominee exemplifies Dr. King's 5 principles of leadership. Those principles are:

1. Vision
2. Effective Communication
3. Willingness to Learn
4. Willingness to Lead
5. Conflict Resolution

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The mission of the MLK Commission of Greater Scranton is to promote education and awareness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s ideals of diversity, equality, peace, freedom and human rights for all.