



## 2020 NOMINATION FORM

AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
**ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

JUNE 19, 2020  
DOUBLETREE HILTON WESTBOROUGH

Watch for registration information in May at  
***[massteacher.org/hcr](https://massteacher.org/hcr)***

# MTA HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS AWARDS

## Do you know an individual or a group in your local, school or community deserving of recognition for:

- Promoting equal opportunity for women and people of color?
- Improving the lives of people traditionally excluded by society?
- Helping to eliminate racism and sexism?
- Demonstrating creativity in providing and improving opportunities for children, families and underserved members of the community?
- Promoting an appreciation of diversity?
- Community service and volunteerism?

The MTA Human and Civil Rights Awards were established in 1983 to recognize individuals and groups working to advance civil rights and human relations. The awards are named for two longtime MTA members whose lives and legacies reflect their extraordinary dedication, perseverance and idealism.

- **LOUISE GASKINS LIFETIME CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD** — This award is named for Louise Gaskins, a pioneer for the involvement of women and people of color in education, the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the National Education Association. Nominees for this award should embody the qualities of humility, leadership and tenacity that Louise Gaskins has brought wherever she has served.
- **KATHLEEN ROBERTS CREATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD** — This award is named for Kathleen Roberts, a former MTA president whose extraordinary commitment to service made her a tireless advocate for public education, communities and the profession of educators. Nominees for this award should exemplify the volunteerism and leadership that characterized Kay Roberts' selfless contributions through political action, community organizing and mentoring.

The MTA will make a substantial charitable donation in the name of each recipient.

**Award recipients will be recognized at the 2020 Human Relations Committee's Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, June 19, at the DoubleTree Hilton Westborough. Please plan to attend this year's awards ceremony – and encourage your local and school colleagues to join you!**

## SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD

### HOW DO I SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR A HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD?

1. Complete the nomination form.
2. Indicate which award category your nomination is for — Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award **OR** Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award
3. Prepare a description explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award.
4. Include two letters in support of the nomination in the selected category. Additional information or documentation may be requested at the discretion of the Human Relations Committee. The committee reserves the right to nominate and select award recipients. Mail the completed application.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD?

- Nominees may be individuals (students, educators, administrators, public or community officials, parents), school associations, groups or agencies working in the area of human and/or civil rights.
- Nominees are not required to be MTA members unless they are eligible for membership.

### WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?

- Nomination materials must be received no later than April 30, 2020.
- Awards will be presented at the MTA Human and Civil Rights Banquet on June 19.

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## COMPLETE THE NOMINATION FORM

### NOMINEE INFORMATION:

(Please check one)

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Association or MTA Retired.

Not Eligible for MTA membership.

Name of Individual or Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### SUBMITTED BY:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local Association \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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INCLUDE TWO LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION IN THE SELECTED CATEGORY. MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION.

**MTA Human and Civil Rights Awards  
Division of Governance & Administration  
2 Heritage Drive, 8th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171-2119**

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# HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD RECIPIENTS

For a complete list of past award recipients, visit [massteacher.org/hcr](https://www.massteacher.org/hcr)

- 1987:** Dr. Jose M. Figueiredo, Cambridge; Hsiu-Lien Lu, Harvard Law School; Dr. Mary E. Cannon McLean, Springfield
- 1988:** Rev. Dr. Robert L. Carter, Jr., New Bedford; Joceline E. Grant, UMass Boston; Prof. Meyer Weinberg, UMass Amherst
- 1989:** Dr. Sonia Nieto, UMass Amherst; Sylvia Q. Simmons, Mass. Higher Education Assistance Corp.; Jack Williams, WBZ-TV News
- 1990:** Dr. George S. Smith, Worcester; Griselda Gonzalez Wilson, Middlesex Community College; Newton North High School Human Rights Committee
- 1991:** Ronald Adams and Eileen Sadof, Quincy; Robert Glover, WHDH-TV; Peter Nien-chu Kiang, UMass Boston; The Haymarket People's Fund, Boston
- 1992:** Edmund G. Grogan, Quincy; Kathleen R. Roberts, former MTA President, NEA Director
- 1993:** Josephine E. Bernard, Randolph; Christine E. Woods, Brockton; Mary L. Pottle, Braintree; John L. Reed, Barnstable; Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, Mount Holyoke College
- 1994:** Kenneth F. Caulfield, Randolph; Edna P. Spencer, Worcester
- 1995:** Al Ferriera, Cambridge; Mary Jo Mason and Joyce Rogean, Barnstable; Dr. Rosanne Perlmutter, Newton; Warren Emerson Priest, Newton; Virginius Bray Thornton, III, Mass. Bay Community College
- 1996:** Dr. Lorna E. Chambers-Andrade, R.N., Mass. Bay Community College; William Dyson, Longmeadow; Joyce Freeman, Worcester
- 1997:** Inez Dover, Newton; Dr. Maxine Elmont, Mass. Bay Community College; Susan Somner, R.N., Southbridge; Coalitions for Asian Pacific American Youth, Boston
- 1998:** James Wilcox, Fall River; Louise Gaskins, Ayer; Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Harvard School of Public Health
- 1999:** Dr. John W. Stuart, Manchester-by-the-Sea; Peter Vuno, Worcester; Edith Cannon, Randolph-Taunton; Rosanne Bacon Meade - 1st Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award
- 2000:** Alice Cormack, Somerville; Carmen Davila, Worcester; Robert Restuccia, Everett
- 2001:** Dr. Alice Axelrod, Norwood; Lucy Myers, Belmont; Cambridge Youth Peace and Justice Corps; Fred Andelman, MTA, Director of Professional Development, Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award, awarded posthumously
- 2002:** Maria D'Arcangelo, Quincy; Steve Sinnott, National Union of Teachers, UK
- 2003:** Dale Forest, Barnstable; Karen Horner, MTA Staff Organization
- 2004:** Karen Swartwout, Thomas DeVito, Malden; Arline Isaacson and Gary Daffin, Co-Chairs, Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus; Paul and Carolyn Hebert, Champ Homes, Hyannis
- 2005:** José Pinheiro, Brockton; Roger L. Rice, Multicultural Education, Training and Advocacy, Inc.
- 2006:** Sadiqa Basiri, Omid Project; Maria de Lourdes Serpa, Lesley University
- 2007:** Genoveffa Grieci, Framingham; Joseph Petner, Cambridge
- 2008:** Boston Gay Men's Chorus; Nantucket S.T.A.R Program
- 2009:** Jacqueline M. Coogan, Everett; Horace Selden, Community Change, Inc.
- 2010:** Anne Wass, Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award; Mary Gilmore, Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award
- 2011:** Susan Mendoza Friedman, Barnstable; Ann Marie Dooley, Harwich; Caroline Hunter, Cambridge
- 2012:** Zachary Galvin, Natick; Douglas Riebesehl (posthumously), Greg Gilbert, Falmouth; Julia Monteiro Johnson, Dennis-Yarmouth
- 2013:** Sister Ann Fox, Boston, Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award; Mick Carlon, Barnstable, Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award
- 2014:** George R. Spivey, Cape Cod, Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award; Kelvin Ing & Amy Lipkind, Cape Cod and Caitlin McCarthy, Worcester, Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award
- 2015:** Alicia Lopez, Amherst, Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award; Diane Turco, Retired, Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award
- 2016:** State Rep. Ellen Story, Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award; Lois Ahrens, Frederik Bommer, Barnstable, and Rosemary "Betsy" Sawyer, Groton-Dunstable, Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award
- 2017:** Mary E. Custard, Amherst, and Margaret Costello, Billerica, Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award; Kevin Dua, Amber Jackson and Cynthia Massillon, Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award
- 2018:** Belmont Against Racism, Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award; Jessica Lander, Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award
- 2019:** Audrey Murph-Brown, Springfield, Louise Gaskins Lifetime Civil Rights Award; Robin Mallory, Dracut, Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award; Elizabeth Travis, Bristol-Plymouth, Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award