

Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee

2021 KING LEADER AWARD

Application Announcement

The Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee is seeking applicants for our annual “King Leader Award”. This award recognizes leaders in our community who exemplify Dr. King’s passionate commitment for transformation and justice.

The criteria for the award include:

- ◆ Leadership of a group, organization or movement that is making a positive impact on the community in the areas of social justice, transformative relationship building, community empowerment, equity and/or inclusivity.
- ◆ A minimum of 5 years working in your identified area of impact (exceptions may be considered for exemplary impact from a start-up entity)
- ◆ Location in the greater Triangle and surrounding areas (e.g. Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, Vance and Wake counties) and/or having an impact on these geographic areas

The 2021 King Leader Award recipient will be announced at the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast (virtual) on January 18, 2021 as part of the Committee’s celebration of the King Holiday. The award includes \$5,000 to support the recipient’s ongoing work in the community in alignment with Dr. King’s legacy. Finalists will be acknowledged during the Prayer Breakfast and will receive \$100 to support continued efforts.

Application Process

- ◆ Write an essay in response to the following:

The events of 2020 plunged America into chaos. Covid-19, the deadly global pandemic and resulting economic collapse, continues to strike people of color at higher rates. Police brutality, painfully underscored by the murders of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and others, revealed the persistence of just one expression of systemic racism. Voter suppression continues, as do violent acts of domestic terrorism. Each struggle has been exacerbated by a deepening ideological divide over what it means to be an American, to be equal, to be free.

The way of love is essential for addressing these seemingly insurmountable challenges. Love is action, and love is labor.

Describe how you have deployed love to build unity in your community. Show evidence of love’s expression in your leadership and the impact of your work as you strive for social justice.

- ◆ Essay must be 500 words or less, single-spaced and no smaller than 12-point font. The essay should be one page in length at most using these guidelines.



Application Process (continued)

- ◆ Nominations must include a cover page that states:
 - ◇ Name of the leader
 - ◇ Organization name and a BRIEF synopsis of the mission and work of the organization
 - ◇ Link to the organization's website
 - ◇ Names and contact information of 3 references for the organization's work and impact
 - ◇ 990 or equivalent overview of organization's activities, governance and detailed financial information **MUST** be provided in order to be considered.
- ◆ Optional: Please include any documentation of your work in the form of photographs, videos and/or links to news coverage, articles, websites, social media, etc. The Committee recognizes that all applicants may not have the same access to resources and therefore documentation is useful but not a necessity for full consideration.
- ◆ Self-nomination and nomination of others will be accepted.
- ◆ Submissions should be made to: **planner4trianglemlk@gmail.com**
- ◆ Completed applications must be received no LATER THAN **January 5, 2021** for consideration.
- ◆ All monetary awards will be made to the King Leader and other finalists' organizations.
- ◆ Finalists will be notified by January 11, 2021. **All finalists must commit to the following:** 1) Attend the virtual Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on January 18, 2021 where the winner will be announced, 2) Participate in the development of a video presentation at a time TBD between January 5 – 15th, 3) Allow name, image, application essay and organization information to be used at will, without compensation, by TMLKC on our website, social media, newsletters and other media.

About Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee

Vision:

A focused, collaborative convener that develops leaders in Dr. King's passionate commitment for transformation and justice.

Mission:

The Triangle MLK, Jr. Committee engages individuals, organizations and businesses in the work to achieve a more equitable and inclusive community by:

- Creating awareness and identifying connections
- Forming relationships or respect and equity
- Building partnerships and collaboration that lead to acknowledgment and positive transformation
- Facilitating respectful and thoughtful dialogue

Values:

- Servant leadership that is willing to embrace all
 - Inclusiveness
 - Ethics
 - Respect
 - Empathy
 - Work for the common good
 - Innovation
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