

The Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee



2023 KING LEADER AWARD - Application Announcement

Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee (TMLKC) 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.

Criteria for the award include:

- Leadership of a nonprofit 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 2023 King Leader Award recipient will be announced at the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on January 16, 2023 as part of the TMLKC’s celebration of the King Holiday. The award includes \$7,500 to the recipient’s organization to support ongoing work in the community in alignment with Dr. King’s legacy. Finalists will also be acknowledged during the Prayer Breakfast and each will receive \$500 to support their organization’s mission.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Theme:

Triangle Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is focusing on **the principle of nonviolence** as our 2023 theme to guide us as we connect with similar mission-driven organizations to realize Dr. King’s vision of a Beloved Community, a community where everyone is cared for, absent of poverty, hunger and hate.

With non-violence as a guiding principle, share with us details regarding your personal leadership and organization’s impact considering the following:

- In a world that often reflects violence in a variety of forms (e.g., physical abuse, incivility, emotional abuse, aggression, micro-aggression, intimidation, etc...), how do you lead nonviolence in your work and in guiding the social justice causes to which you have committed yourself?
- What does it mean to practice nonviolence as a way of life?
- Is non-violence achievable in the current reality of the world?
- How have you taken action to make a difference?

Application Submission:

Using the application theme and questions as a guide, write an essay to express how your work and IMPACT align with Dr. King’s principle of nonviolence in leading social justice. If applying in writing presents a significant barrier, please contact planner4trianglemlk@gmail.com to request accommodation.

Application Limits:

- Limit your essay to 500 words or less using no smaller than 12-point font size, single spacing with one-inch margins.

Application Supplemental Requirements:

- 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 of board members and/or significant supporters of the organization
- Names and contact information of three (3) references who can attest to the organization's work and impact.
- 990 or equivalent financial overview of organization's activities, governance and detailed financial information **MUST** be provided to be considered.
- **Optional:** Please include any additional documentation of your work in the form of photographs, videos and/or links to news coverage, articles, websites, social media, etc. TMLKC recognizes that all applicants may not have the same access to resources and therefore some may not have additional documentation to share. Additional documentation will be useful to learning about an applicant but is not a necessity for full consideration.
- Self-nomination and/or nomination of others will be accepted.
- Submissions should be made to: planner4trianglemlk@gmail.com
Subject Line: KLA Application.
- Completed applications must be received no **LATER THAN DECEMBER 12, 2022** for consideration.
- All monetary awards will be made payable to the King Leader winner's and other finalists' organizations.
- **Finalists will be notified by January 6, 2023. All finalists must agree to the following:**
 - Attend the TMLKC Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on January 16, 2023, where the winner will be announced
 - If needed, participate in recording a video presentation at a time TBD
 - Allow your name, image, application essay, audio/video and organization's information to be used at will, without compensation, by TMLKC on our website, social media, newsletters and other media.

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