

The Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee



2025 KING LEADER AWARD **Application Announcement** **Due date: December 31, 2024**

The Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee (TMLKC) seeks applicants for the annual King Leader Award, which recognizes and supports leaders in our community whose work exemplifies Dr. King's commitment for transformation and justice. The award includes a **\$7,500** stipend and networking support.

Criteria for the award include:

- Founding and/or leadership of a group, organization or movement 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 3 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 King Leader Award recipient and two finalists will also be featured at the TMLKC's Beloved Community Conference in April 2025. Finalists will receive \$250.

Application Process

- In 500 words, describe your work you and how it reflects the vision of Dr. King's Beloved Community and our 2025 theme "Mission Possible: The Power of Justice and Radical Love."
- Please submit text no smaller than 12-point font.

"Dr. King's Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. In the Beloved Community, international disputes will be resolved by peaceful conflict-resolution and reconciliation of adversaries, instead of military power. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace with justice will prevail over war and military conflict." *(Excerpt taken from The King Center's online article entitled "The Beloved Community"- <https://thekingcenter.org/about-tkc/the-king-philosophy/>)*

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- Nominations must include a cover page that states:
 - o Name of the leader
 - o Organization name and a BRIEF synopsis of the mission and work of the organization
 - o Link to the organization's website and/or social media presence
 - o Names and contact information of 3 references for the organization's work and impact
 - o 990 or equivalent overview of organization's activities, governance and detailed financial information MUST be provided in order to be considered.
- Optional: We welcome any documentation of your work — 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 some may not have documentation to share. Documentation will be useful but is not a necessity for full consideration.
- Self-nomination and 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 31, 2024** for consideration.
- All monetary awards will be made to the King Leader's and other finalists' organizations.
- Finalists will be notified by January 10, 2025 with the winner announced at the annual Triangle MLK, Jr. Interfaith Prayer Breakfast event on January 20th. **All finalists must commit to the following:**
 - o Be in-person at the Triangle MLK Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on January 20th
 - o Participate in the annual TMLK Beloved Community Conference in April 2025 (date TBD)
 - o 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

Mission

TMLKC is a 501c3 interfaith group who invests in and amplifies the voices of leaders, organizations and movements pursuing systemic and transformational change through collective community service in the Triangle region.

Vision

A world that reflects the Beloved Community where all people are valued, respected and treated with dignity. *(Adopted from The King Center's vision statement)*