



MARYLAND STATE CONFERENCE NAACP ANNUAL AWARDS 2018

The Maryland State Conference (MSC) NAACP is now accepting nominations for its 2018 MSC NAACP Annual Awards. The awards will be presented at the **78th MSC NAACP Annual Convention, October 26-27, 2018**, which will be held at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center, 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044.

Nominate a member of the NAACP whom you believe has demonstrated leadership, extraordinary work, achievement, and/or numerous volunteer hours in the pursuit of political, educational, social, and economic advancement and equity. You may also nominate a business, corporation, organization, or faith-based organization that has provided community services, partnerships, or educational opportunities with the local branches and within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.

Narratives about nominees must include civic engagement, activism, or advocacy in the pursuit of political, educational, social, economic advancement, or equity for all people. Each nomination form must be completed (additional pages are accepted) and submitted with only one of the awards listed below per Nomination Form by Friday September 1, 2018.

Summary of Award Category

- The Enolia P. McMillan **“Women in NAACP”** Award. Named for *Ms. Enolia P. McMillan who served as the first female national president of the NAACP.*
- The Kweisi Mfume **Excellence in Advocacy** Award. Named for *The Honorable Kweisi Mfume who served as the President/CEO, NAACP, Congressman, City Councilman and Civil Rights Activist from Maryland.*
- The Parren J. Mitchell **Humanitarian** Award. Named for *The Honorable Parren J. Mitchell who served as the first African American elected to Congress from Maryland.*
- The **Education Visionary Leadership** Award. Presented to leaders working with others to strengthen student achievement, professional development, and equity for students.
- The **Youth Leadership/Service** Award. Presented to a *youth, young adult member of NAACP and or a NAACP Youth Council or College Division.*
- The **Corporation, Business or Organization** Award. Presented for *active part in the branches through participation and investment.*
- The **Faith-Based Organization** Award. Presented for *providing services and resources to the community and neighborhood.*

Please complete the **2018 Maryland State Conference (MSC), NAACP Annual Award Nomination Form** and submit (electronic copy) by **September 1, 2018** to Dr. Barbara Dezmon via email at bdezmon@verizon.net or send (hard copy) to: Maryland State Conference, NAACP Awards Committee, Post Office Box 9702, Arnold, MD 21012.

MSC NAACP ANNUAL AWARDS 2018 NOMINATION FORM

Please check only one award category per nomination form. Submit the fully completed nomination form with any supporting documents per award criteria by **September 1, 2018**. It is important that you provide as much information as possible about your nominee and their contributions per award category selected. No more than five pages per nomination package.

Enolia P. McMillan “Women in NAACP”	
Kweisi Mfume <i>Excellence in Advocacy</i>	
Parren J. Mitchell <i>Humanitarian</i>	
<i>Education Visionary Leadership</i>	
<i>Youth Leadership/Service</i>	
<i>Corporation, Business or Organization</i>	
<i>Faith-Based Organization</i>	

Nominee Information

Name of Individual or Organization (if applicable)

Member of NAACP: Yes _____ No _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

1. Please provide a clearly written narrative about the nominee’s involvement in civic engagement, activism or advocacy in the pursuit of political, educational, social, and/or economic advancement.
2. Please explain why this nominee should be selected based on the individual’s background, work or achievements in the selected award category and how his/her efforts have had an impact or made a difference?
3. What makes the nominee’s work exceptional to the purpose of NAACP and the community?

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Member of NAACP: Yes _____ No _____ Branch/Unit Name _____

Award Category: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____

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NOMINATION DIRECTIONS

PURPOSE

The Maryland State Conference (MSC) Annual Award is presented annually to distinguished members of Branches, community leaders, youth and young adults, and partnership organizations within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference of the NAACP. This award is given to visionary leaders for their extraordinary work and accomplishments in the pursuit of political, educational, social, and economic advancement and equity for all people.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- The nominee's work or accomplishments must be within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
 - The nominee must be a member of NAACP (n/a Faith Based and Corporation awards).
 - The narrative about the nominee must include civic engagement, activism or advocacy in the pursuit of political, educational, social, and economic advancement and equity for all people.
- Nomination Form with supporting documents must not exceed five (5) pages. **You may submit your nomination package electronically to: Dr. Barbara Dezmon via email at bdezmon@verizon.net. Or, you can mail your nomination package to Maryland State Conference NAACP Awards Committee, P.O. Box 9702, Arnold, MD 21012.**

DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

You can only submit one nomination form per award category. When submitting nominations for multiple categories, a separate nomination form must be submitted for each nomination. You must also write a separate narrative for each category. All nomination submissions must be typewritten and include the nomination form as well as any supporting documents and submitted by **September 1, 2018**.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Maryland State Conference Awards Committee will evaluate each nominee narrative and related documentation (papers, photographs, letters of support or recommendation, newspapers and/or newsletters, etc.) according to the criteria identified within each award category.

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AWARDS CRITERIA

The Enolia P. McMillan “Women in NAACP” Award

The award shall be given in recognition of the legacy of Enolia P. McMillan, who served as the first female national president of the NAACP. The criteria for the nomination are:

- Recipient must be an active female NAACP member within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
- Demonstrated exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work in their service to others.
- Contributed her time, efforts and talents to the public which has been conspicuous in its benefit to the greater community.
- Must have inspired those associated with her to strive for excellence in performance and services which has been demonstrated by her personal efforts.

The Kweisi Mfume Excellence in Advocacy Award

The award shall be given in recognition of the legacy of Kweisi Mfume: former President/CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Congressman, Maryland 7th Congressional District; Councilman, Baltimore City Council; and Civil Rights Activist. An advocate who believed he could make a difference by working on the behalf of civic and human rights for all people. The criteria for the recipient are as followed:

- Must be a NAACP member within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference. □ Must be actively involved with civic and community engagement.
- Must have demonstrated his or her role of advocacy for a specific cause by working together with the community and on the behalf of the voiceless.
- Must have shown their ability to navigate through diverse systems of authority and/or leadership, community organizations, city officials, state delegates to advocate on the civic and human rights of all people.

The Parren J. Mitchell Humanitarian Award

The award shall be given in recognition of the legacy of Parren J. Mitchell, who served as the first African-American elected to Congress from Maryland and one of the founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus. The criteria for the recipient are:

- Recipient must be a NAACP member within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
- Must have demonstrated a concern for improving people’s lives and welfare.
- Must have demonstrated a commitment to securing and advancing the ideals of equity, opportunity, and diversity in society.
- Must have made extraordinary contributions affecting legal, social, or political policies or programs in pursuit of civil liberties and civil rights on behalf of all Americans.

The Education Visionary Leadership Award

The award recognizes individuals, students, educators, and institutions that are actively involved with giving back to the community through educational opportunities and workforce development for striving young students and working adults. It also recognizes those who have advocated for better schools, scholarships, financial assistance, internship, professional development and job opportunities:

- Recipient should be able to demonstrate that they have actively participated in leadership roles to advocate for equity and academic excellence on behalf of students, parents, teachers, faculty members and staff.
- Recipient should be actively involved in promoting public awareness and engaging the community into advocating for effective education policies and issues; school funding; and teachers and/or professors through forums, public board meetings, and hearings held by elected officials, superintendents or presidents of colleges and educational institutions.
- Recipient should be able to show that they have a community network that could include students, parents, teachers, school board members and/or faculty members.

The Youth Leadership/Service Award

The award shall be given to a youth or young adult NAACP member and or Youth Council or College Chapter. The criteria for the recipient are:

- Recipient must be an active NAACP member or Youth Unit within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
- Must have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and has performed unselfish service to the NAACP or the local community.
- Must have demonstrated exemplary leadership and work well with a diverse group of individuals.
- Must have demonstrated successful academic achievement and shown genuine respect for his/her peers and elders.

Corporation, Business or Organization Award

The award recognizes corporations, businesses, or organizations that actively participate in community and civic engagements which carry forth the purpose of NAACP and within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference in one or more of the areas below:

- Recipient must currently be an owner, employee, entrepreneur, or volunteer in a corporation, business or organization in areas that provides services or information to the community.
- Recipient must have demonstrated his/her commitment to partner or to provide resources to NAACP or the community with same or similar mission that empowers the community in said areas: health, economic development, mentoring, and others.
- Recipient must have contributed or donated in-kind services to the community as part of his commitment to participate as a partner or to give back to the community.
- Recipient must have demonstrated his/her ability to participate in an internship program, related work studies or volunteer program as a mentor to interested parties.
- Recipient must be actively engaged in reaching out to the community as an individual who believes in working closely with said persons in making a difference by using his/her own knowledge, skill and talent as a mentor, and/or volunteer.

Faith-Based Organization Award

The award recognizes the church or religious institution for its outreach programs and commitments and services to the congregation, community and neighborhood in one or more of the areas below:

- Recipient must have provided opportunity for their congregation or members to actively participate in outreach to the community and neighborhood within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Conference.
- Must have demonstrated community services or provided resources in housing, employment/career, education, child care, shelter, homeless population, health, food distribution, financial assistance and others.
- Must have participated in partnership opportunities within the church or religious institutions that have been designed to work with children, youth, education, single and teen parents, advocates for children and parents in shelters, community service and/or student learning service credits, and volunteer hours.

