



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Presented by The Cleveland Orchestra and the City of Cleveland

The Cleveland Orchestra's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Awards recognize extraordinary contributions of an **adult, a youth, or a business/organization** impacting Cleveland in the spirit of the teachings and example of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The award presentation takes place on stage at the start of The Cleveland Orchestra's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Concert in Severance Hall.

NOMINATIONS/SELECTION:

Members of the community are invited to submit nominations for consideration by the MLK Service Award Selection Committee comprised of a diverse range of community leaders.

AWARD CATEGORIES: 1. YOUTH 2. ADULT 3. BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION

AWARD CRITERIA:

Nominees must exemplify one or more of the following:

1. **Leadership in Community-Building** – individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions toward building a sense of unity among the citizens of Cleveland, with demonstrated success through programs and activities that help revitalize our community and make it a more desirable place to live.
2. **Improving Educational Excellence** – individuals or organizations who have demonstrated success in eradicating barriers that impede the attainment of academic excellence. Activities might include mentoring, tutoring, or scholarship programs, innovative pre-school programs, pre-college programs, etc.
3. **Promotion of Social Justice** – individuals or organizations who have significantly contributed to achieving justice for individuals, groups, or communities. Nominees should have demonstrated success using legal, legislative, or governmental systems to reduce disparities in housing, health care, education, employment opportunities, and criminal justice.
4. **Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion** – individuals or organizations who demonstrate a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and evidence skill in building and maintaining harmonious and productive cross-cultural relationships. Nominations should identify specific initiatives and accomplishments that foster Dr. King's vision of unity among people of diverse cultural backgrounds.
5. **Using Music and the Arts as a Tool to Promote Greater Understanding and Acceptance** – those who support or create music and arts programs that utilize the power of creative pursuits to advocate for positive social change, and/or create a greater understanding of diverse cultures.



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NOMINATION INFORMATION

All fields below are required for nomination form. **Nominations are received on an ongoing basis.**

Please select the category for this nomination:

- Youth
- Adult
- Business/Organization

Nominee Name:

Nominee Email Address:

Nominee phone number:

Nominee Address:

In 300 words or less, please describe the nominee including their work, the criteria they meet, and what makes them deserving of this prestigious award.

Nominator Contact Information:

Your Name:

Your Email Address:

Your Phone Number:

**SUBMIT to sjones@clevelandorchestra.com with
Subject: MLK Community Service Award Nominations**