



The Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice

The Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice was established by the Salem Witch Trials Tercentenary Committee. It was first presented in 1992. The purpose of this award is to encourage an understanding of the lessons of the Salem Witch Trials in the context of contemporary life.

Selection Criteria

By studying the Salem Witch Trials, we learn that order was restored to the Salem community by the outspoken protests of a few good citizens who spoke bravely and acted courageously in opposition to the prevailing chaos. In Salem, Massachusetts in 1692, certain individuals risked their lives to speak against the oppression of the trials and to call for order and forgiveness. Today, we continue to depend upon those few individuals who will not be silenced by fear and social disorder.

In recognizing and honoring present day champions of human rights and social justice issues we publicly acknowledge the powerful significance and practical consequence of their work and join them in fostering tolerance, compassion, and reconciliation within our community.

In particular the individual and/or organization to whom the Award is given must:

- Demonstrate a commitment through their work to human rights and social justice issues particularly within the two years preceding their nomination;
- Demonstrate courage in the face of bigotry and intolerance; and,
- Demonstrate that their efforts further the cause of human rights and social justice for an individual or group of individuals.



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Nominee

Organization

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Fax

Email

The Salem Award Committee will assess the merits of your nominee based on the materials that you provide and your responses to the questions below. It is essential that you attach to this form all background information, including newspaper and magazine articles, letters of recommendation, etc. Self-nominations cannot be considered.

Please be sure to include the following information:

- 1) What motivated your nominee to make a difference?
- 2) What action(s) did the nominee take to bring about change?
- 3) What impact did these action(s) have?

Please list two references for your nominee:

Name

Affiliation

Telephone

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You may list my name as a Salem Award nominator (circle one):

Yes No

Your Name _____ Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Signature _____

We request that you prepare this Nomination Form after **June 1st** in order that the most current backup materials may be enclosed, and return the completed form, postmarked no later than **November 1st**, to:

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