



# University of South Carolina Martin Luther King Day Social Justice Award

## APPLICATION

All applications are due by close of business on December 18, 2008. A sub-committee of the MLK Committee will evaluate nominations and applications, select finalists, and recommend one award winner in each category for approval by the full committee. Award winners will be announced and recognized at the University's annual MLK Commemorative Breakfast in January.

Please contact Carl R. Wells if you have any questions about the application process. Phone him at 803-777-9560 or e-mail him at [wellsr@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:wellsr@mailbox.sc.edu).

Submit application to:  
Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 805, Columbia, South Carolina 29208

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or title: \_\_\_\_\_

Person making the nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

This is for the: Faculty Award Nomination

Staff Award Nomination

Student Award Nomination

### The Nominee

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/Dept. Head: \_\_\_\_\_

### Information on person making the nomination:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for nomination:** (Use the space provided below):



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## GUIDELINES

### **Objective:**

To recognize individuals who have exemplified the philosophies of Dr. King through random or ongoing acts of community service, social justice or racial reconciliation. Social justice is thought of as a world which affords individuals and groups fair treatment and an impartial share of the benefits of society. It also can refer to the distribution of advantages and disadvantages within a society.

### **Faculty Criteria:**

The faculty award will recognize outstanding accomplishments and general impact in any or all of the following areas:

1. **Teaching:** Development and implementation of effective strategies for teaching that advance understanding of underrepresented groups in the field of instruction or that advance the education of students from underrepresented groups.
2. **Research or Creative Work:** The pursuit of research or creative work that has the potential to improve the quality of life among underrepresented groups or to advance understanding of underrepresented groups.
3. **Service and Outreach:** Dedicated participation in activities that promote the professional or academic advancement of underrepresented groups, as well as the general well-being of such groups; or that contribute to diversity and equal opportunity within the university through recruitment and mentoring of faculty and students.

### **Staff Criteria:**

The staff award will recognize outstanding accomplishments and general impact in any or all of the following areas:

1. **Community Service:** Dedicated participation in efforts to provide service to underrepresented persons or communities.
2. **Social Justice Outreach:** Dedicated participation in efforts to ensure the fair treatment of oppressed, abused or underprivileged groups or individuals.
3. **Racial Reconciliation:** Demonstrated efforts through personal example or participation in community outreach to bridge the gap that often exists between racially different groups.

### **Student Criteria:**

The student award will recognize outstanding accomplishments and general impact in any or all of the following areas:

1. **Community Service:** Dedicated participation in efforts to provide service to underrepresented persons or communities.
2. **Social Justice Outreach:** Dedicated participation in efforts to ensure the fair treatment of oppressed, abused or underprivileged groups or individuals.
3. **Racial Reconciliation:** Demonstrated efforts through personal example or participation in community outreach to bridge the gap that often exists between racially different groups.