

Snohomish County Human Rights Commission

Nominations now being accepted for the

2022 Human Rights Awards

The Snohomish County Human Rights Commission is committed to the full implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Universal Declaration for Cultural Diversity, which sets against inward-looking fundamentalism the prospect of a more open, creative and democratic world. The Commission works to prevent segregation and fundamentalism which, in the name of cultural differences, would sanctify those differences and so counter the message of the Universal Declarations.

The Human Rights Awards recognize and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of individuals, organizations and businesses in furthering the principles of the Universal Declarations of Human Rights and Cultural Diversity and fostering intercultural dialogue as a process contributing to the survival of humanity. We celebrate cultural diversity as the common heritage of humanity as necessary for humankind as biodiversity is for nature.

We are calling for nominations for people, organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to human rights in Snohomish County.

The best nominees are often the people who wouldn't dream of putting themselves forward, which is why we encourage you to do it for them!

Nominations can be submitted under three categories: ***Human Rights Award, Young People's Award, and Transformational Leadership Awards (within four subcategories highlighting a broad range of work in human rights contributions) – Law & Justice, Rising Star, Community Champion, Climate & Environmental Justice.***

Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination, applicants must be a Snohomish County resident as of the date of nomination. Entrants must have made a significant contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights *IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY* and been active in this area between September 2020 and September 2021.

Examples could include:

- ▯ taking action to overcome discrimination or infringements of human rights within Snohomish County
- ▯ encouraging greater social harmony within Snohomish County in a range of areas such as race relations, gender equality and the treatment of children and young people
- ▯ enhancing the rights of Indigenous people
- ▯ promoting equal opportunity for people with a disability in Snohomish County or countering discrimination based on age or sexuality
- ▯ increasing awareness of issues of injustice or inequality in Snohomish County

[Submitting your nomination](#)

The entry should include a statement as to why the nominee should be recognized; any relevant supporting material should also be submitted. This could include newspaper articles, online coverage, references and biographies.

Nominations need to be submitted by 11:59 p.m., November 2.

If you require any assistance submitting a nomination, please contact Human Rights Commission Secretary Angela DiFilippo, at angela.difilippo@snoco.org or call Karen Anderson at 425-388-3640.

[Award categories](#)

Human Rights Award

The Human Rights Award is awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion, protection, and advancement of human rights in Snohomish County.

Young People's Human Rights Award

The Young People's Human Rights Award is awarded to an individual under the age of 25 years (on July 31, 2021) who has made an outstanding contribution to advancing human rights in Snohomish County.

Transformational Leadership Awards: Law & Justice, Rising Star, Community Champion, Climate & Environmental Justice

Transformational Leadership Awards will be awarded to individuals and organizations with a demonstrated track record of leadership in promoting and advancing human rights in Snohomish County. The sub-categories are designed to highlight human rights contributions across a broad range of work. Areas being considered for 2021 include:

Law & Justice – Recognizing individual or organizational leadership in promoting and advancing human rights through work within the framework of the legal system including the practice of law, enforcement of law, legal advocacy, or other activities.

Rising Star – Recognizing new or innovative organizational leadership in promoting and advancing human rights in the workplace or community. This may include internal or external organizational strides by public, private, non-profit, or community-based organizations in areas such as diversity, equity, and inclusion in talent acquisition and development, supply chain sourcing, community engagement, service to the community, or other elements.

Community Champion – Recognizing individual leadership in promoting and advancing human rights through education, activism, community advocacy, community organizing, or other activities.

Climate & Environmental Justice – Recognizing individual or organizational leadership in promoting and advancing human rights through work at the forefront of impactful climate and environmental justice initiatives that are preserving the earth for future generations.

Judging process

The judging process will be overseen by a judging panel that includes Human Rights Commission, and at least one independent representative from either the community, government or business.

The judge's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Details of finalists for each Award category will be published on the Commission's website later in the year.

Nominations will be reviewed, and winners decided by November 15, 2021.