

Snohomish County Human Rights Commission
Nominations now being accepted for the
2016 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 six categories: the Human Rights Medal, the Young People's Medal, Law Award, 'Racism; It Stops With Me' Award Community Organization Award, and Educator's Award

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 2015 and September 2016.

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 on the basis of 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.

If you require any assistance submitting a nomination, please contact Senior Secretary, Sherry Cuddy, at contact.humanrightscommission@snoco.org or call 425-388-7308.

Medal and awards categories

Human Rights Medal

The Human Rights Medal is awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of human rights in Snohomish County.

Young People's Human Rights Medal

The Young People's Human Rights Medal is awarded to an individual under the age of 25 years (on 30 September 2016) and who has made an outstanding contribution to advancing human rights in Snohomish County.

Law Award; Process or Enforcement of Law

The Law Award is awarded to an individual or an organization with a track record in promoting and advancing human rights in Snohomish County through the practice or enforcement of law.

Racism; It Stops With Me Award

The 'Racism; It Stops With Me' Award recognizes the contribution of an organization or individual to reducing and preventing racism in Snohomish County. Organizations can include community groups or businesses and they can be recognized for a range of anti-racism work including education and prevention.

Community Organization Award

Awarded to a community-based organization with a proven track record in promoting and advancing human rights in the Snohomish County community on a not-for-profit basis.

Educators Award

Awarded to an individual or group of educators for their contribution through education, prevention, and the advancement of human rights in Snohomish County.

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 Medal and Award category will be published on the Commission's website later in the year.