12th Annual City of Cleveland

LGBTQ+ Heritage Day Nomination Form

Cleveland’s LGBTQ+ Heritage Day takes place during the month of October in honor of LGBTQ+ History Month. It is a day for the community to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the vitality and betterment of Cleveland’s LGBTQ+ community in the areas of advocacy and activism, health & wellness, public service, arts & culture, and workplace inclusion. Additionally, we are pleased to continue to highlight the contributions of our young adults through the Rising Leader category for young folx (24 and under) who are actively making a difference in and for our community.

In previous years, Heritage Day was held in person at City Hall. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and need for social distancing, we will be posting a list of the winners online and will be distributing their awards individually. You will be able to read the winners on all social media platforms. The awards list will be posted on Oct 23rd.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of Cleveland's LGBTQ+ community members and previous Heritage Day award recipients. Please submit nomination forms by 5pm Friday October 9th.

Forms can be submitted online via email or in person at The LGBT Community Center at 6705 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102. For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact Community Engagement Coordinator, Denise Astorino at (216)243-7488 or dastorino@lgbtcleveland.org.

Nominee Considerations:

In order to respect the privacy and safety of individuals who will be publicly honored, your nominee must be an out member of the LGBTQ+ community.

We strongly encourage community members to re-nominate past nominees. There are many highly qualified individuals who have been nominated, but have not yet won an award. Past nominations will be taken into account in the selection process.

Individuals who have won an LGBTQ+ Heritage Day Award in the past will not be considered for another award. Nominations of past winners will be respectfully omitted.
Award Category Descriptions

**Activism & Advocacy**
This award honors an individual for their outstanding commitment to advocating for positive change in the areas of social equity, inclusion, and support of marginalized populations. An honoree is a member of the LGBTQ+ community whose selfless acts have made Cleveland a better place for all to thrive. They recognize that making Cleveland a better place for LGBTQ+ people benefits everyone. This person role models bold action, whether working at the grassroots level, the policy level, or somewhere between. (Community organizers, advocates, policymakers, etc.)

**Health & Wellness:**
The award for Health & Wellness honors an individual for impactful accomplishments in the fields of health care, health care education, and social services. An honoree may be an LGBTQ+ health care professional, care coordinator, or counselor whose work displays a commitment to the community by tackling disparity in service delivery to LGBTQ+ consumers. Through their exceptional skills and expertise, this honoree addresses the challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community in the realms of health and wellness. (Doctors, helping professionals, non-traditional wellness providers, therapists, etc.)

**Public Service:**
The award for Public Service honors an individual who has made significant contributions to the livelihood and vitality of Cleveland and its LGBTQ+ community. An honoree is a member of the LGBTQ+ community who might be the quintessential good neighbor, team member, representative, or volunteer. This person gives their time, guidance and assistance to improve the community through the promotion of LGBTQ+ visibility and issues. (Teachers, faith leaders, volunteers, public officials, etc.)

**Arts & Culture:**
The award for Arts & Culture honors an individual who has contributed significantly to the creation and or preservation of LGBTQ+ culture and heritage. An honoree is a member of the LGBTQ+ community who uses their talents to increase the visibility of LGBTQ+ people while demonstrating the impact of creative contributions. The recipient of this award should demonstrate a love of culture and art, as well as a devotion to sharing this love with their community. (Musicians, sculptors, writers, painters, etc.)

**Workplace Inclusion:**
The award for Workplace Inclusion honors an individual who has committed to creating safe spaces for LGBTQ+ individuals in their workplaces. An honoree is a member of the LGBTQ+ community who uses their position to advocate for more inclusive policies, recognition of LGBTQ+ employees, and visibility for their community. The recipient of this award should demonstrate a commitment to advancing the movement for LGBTQ+ equality in professional settings. (Establishing Employee Resource Groups, Policy Advocacy, Diversity Committees, etc.)

**Rising Leader:**
The award for Rising Leader honors an individual who is 24 years or younger who has shown initiative, promise, drive, and/or creativity in promoting LGBTQ+ equality. An honoree is a member of the LGBTQ+ community who uses their energy to spread awareness of LGBTQ+
issues, to support their LGBTQ+ peers, to volunteer for LGBTQ+ causes, to create safe spaces for members of the LGBTQ+ community, or otherwise embodies the spirit and ideals of LGBTQ+ activism at an early age. The recipient of this award should be active in their community, whether it is their civic community, their school community, their work community, or an online community. (GSA leaders, school leaders, community activists, online content creators, event planners, etc.)

NOTE: Rising Leaders will be eligible to be nominated for future Heritage Day awards five years after receiving the Rising Leader Award.
Nominee Information:

* Required to Answer

1. Please select only one of the following nomination categories: *
   ___ Advocacy and Activism   ___ Health and Wellness
   ___ Public Service   ___ Arts and Culture
   ___ Workplace Inclusion   ___ Rising Leader

2. Nominee's Name: * _________________________________________________________________

3. Nominee's Mailing Address:
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4. Nominee's Phone Number: * __________________________________________________________

5. Nominee's E-mail Address: * __________________________________________________________

6. Title or Affiliation (if appropriate, examples may be the organization they work for, an unofficial title, etc.)
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7. Is this person an out member of the LGBTQ+ community? *
   ___ Yes
   ___ No
   ___ Unsure

8. How long would you estimate that this person has been working in Cleveland? (Work outside of
   Cleveland is not a disqualification, however the impact of this person’s work should affect Cleveland and
   Northeast Ohio.) *
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9. Please describe the reach of this person’s work and/or contributions. (Does it impact a very large group
   of people, or is it more centralized to once specific area?) *
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10. How would you describe the breadth/diversity of this person’s work? (Have their efforts been limited
    to one specific area or do they do a variety of work related to LGBTQ+ equality?) *
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11. How would you describe the impact of this person’s work for LGBTQ+ people in Cleveland? How would you describe the impact on the Greater Cleveland area? *

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12. Does this person represent any other areas of diversity? (Race, religion, nation of origin, gender, etc.) If yes, please explain. *

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13. Nominee Description (Please add a few brief sentences describing the characteristic of this person as a whole). *

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14. If nominating a Rising Leader, will your nominee be 24 years or younger on October 16, 2019? (Nominees who turn 25 on or before this date can be nominated for another category)

   ___ Yes
   ___ No

**Nominator Information:**
Please complete the following questions based on your own information as the nominator. This information will be used for follow-up communications should your nominee be selected.

14. Your Name: * _____________________________________________________________________

15. Your Phone Number: * _____________________________________________________________________

16. Your Email: * _____________________________________________________________________

17. Relationship to the Nominee: * _____________________________________________________________________

18. Your Mailing Address: *

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19. Should your nominee be selected, are you willing to present your nominee with the award on the day of the event? *

   ___ Yes
   ___ No
   ___ Unsure