



**24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
LEGACY YOUTH AWARDS**

*“In honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.”*

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Colleague:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left an important legacy for us and for future generations. With that in mind, African American Men of Westchester, Inc. is committed to sharing his life principles with today’s youth. To celebrate their achievements, we are proud to announce the **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Youth Awards**.

To date, we have honored many outstanding young adults for their service to the community and dozens more have been recognized as nominees. Our honorees are representative of the plethora of young people who devote time and energy to improve the lives of their families and neighbors and who are beacons of light within their communities.

Once again, we ask your assistance in identifying students who have integrated Dr. King’s legacy into their service to the community. Please submit your nomination by completing the attached form and emailing it to: **mlk@aamw.com**. All submissions are due no later than **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024** and awardees will be selected by mid-December.

Self-nominations are permitted, and students are welcomed to nominate their peers. However, an endorsement is required from an adult who can personally vouch for the nominee’s community service project.

The awards will be presented during the **MLK Awards on Monday, January 20, 2025**. Please direct any questions via email to [info@aamw.com](mailto:info@aamw.com).

**Each award winner will receive a monetary prize in the amount of \$2,500.00.**

We appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you on this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

***Eon S. Nichols***

Eon S. Nichols Chairman  
MLK Legacy Youth Award Committee

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**Please note that this form must be completed and emailed to: [info@aamw.com](mailto:info@aamw.com)**

### **Award Category Descriptions**

We seek to recognize young people of action who follow Dr. King's personal commitment to community change. As Dr. King was a man of words and action, we use his words as the foundation to identify our candidates.

Note: Selecting an award category for the nominee is optional. The MLK nomination committee will decide the final selection of each category. Please use the following category descriptions as a guide for completing the nomination form.

#### *Social Action*

“The time is always right to do what is right.” This award will be given to the young person who has organized an activity and/or event to promote positive change to a social, political or environmental issue.

#### *Social Justice*

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” This award will highlight the work of a young person, which rectifies an inequity within their community or school.

#### *Peace/Nonviolence*

“I still believe that one day...non-violent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land.” Through positive community focused actions, this young person who has successfully addressed a social conflict and organized or participated in events that reinforce effective communication and problem-solving strategies.



### Vision

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal’.” This honoree participated in the planning and implementation of events geared to providing adequate services to individuals; crossing race, class and gender barriers.

### Building Bridges

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in times of comfort and convenience but where he stands in time of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige and even his life for the welfare of others.” This category is for the young person who took appropriate action in raising awareness and implementing a project(s) that was intended to unify diverse interests and achieve a common goal.

### Spirit of Love

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” This category is for a young person who engages in activities and/or events that seek to provide respite to others. The good deeds of this individual often go unnoticed and they may be the architect behind the achievements of others (i.e. tutor, volunteer, etc.).

### William L. Carter Perseverance Award

As quoted by Dr. King, "Life's most important and persistent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" This award will be given to the student who demonstrates a strong commitment to service, takes a leadership role in their community, has overcome adversity, and reflects the tenacious character of William “Bill” Carter.



## NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Nominations may be completed by the nominee or other individual (a peer and or an adult familiar with their work/project), but an adult must agree to endorse the nominee.
2. **Nominees must be residents of Westchester County and must be middle school or high school students.** The leadership/community service activities described must benefit the residents of Westchester County.
3. Use the attached nomination form. Nominees' names must appear on each page of the nomination form where indicated. Please do not attach additional documentation. Nominations must be submitted by **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**
4. All nominations **must** be typed.
5. A cover page indicating the full name of the nominee must accompany nominations.
6. Scan and email nomination forms and cover letter to: **info@aamw.com.**
7. Decisions made by the selection committee are final. All submitted entry forms become the property of the Selection Committee and will not be returned.
8. For further information, please contact Eon Nichols at **enichols@cuddyfeder.com.**

**[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION](#)**



**2025 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Youth Award Nomination**

**All applicable information must be provided. Please type.**

**Nomination completed by:**  Nominee  Other (state relationship)\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Nominee**\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male\_\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Nominator/Endorser**\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation\_\_\_\_\_

Street\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

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

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



**I have reviewed the awards categories and descriptions, and recommend this individual for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Youth Awards.**

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**Signature of Nominator/Endorser**

After reviewing the award categories and descriptions, please complete all questions below with answers of no more than **150 words**. Please focus your answers on one of the award categories. (Note: the selection committee will make the final determination of award category for each nominee).

**1. Describe the work/project of the nominee:**

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**2. Describe the results/impact of this work/project:**

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**NAME OF NOMINEE** \_\_\_\_\_



**3. Describe how the nominee's work is connected to Dr. King:**

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**4. Is there anything else that would be important for the selection committee to know about this nominee?**

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**NAME OF NOMINEE** \_\_\_\_\_