

Dear NCCJ ANYTOWNers,

The National Conference for Community and Justice is pleased to announce that it is accepting nominations for the 2019 Youth Human Relations Award! Each year, NCCJ of CT and WMA awards a few young people from Connecticut and Western Mass, who have distinguished themselves by exemplifying the principles of NCCJ in their daily lives. Since 2002, 61 amazing youth have received this competitive award for taking their NCCJ ANYTOWN learning's back to their homes, schools and communities by creating positive change. The awards are presented at our awards banquet to be held in April and June of 2019 in front of community leaders, business partners and many members of the NCCJ family. This banquet is also a time when we celebrate the success of our programs including NCCJ ANYTOWN, NCCJ Bridges and NCCJ Youth Action Coalition. This has been a great year so far with many youth involved in passionate campaigns for change in their schools. NCCJ is excited to celebrate some of these youth for their hard work, dedication and commitment to bringing social change.

The nomination process is very easy and **you may nominate yourself!** Simply fill out the attached questionnaire and send it to Eric Betancourt at ebetancourt@nccj.org by **Monday, May 20, 2019**.

Here is a list of characteristics that past winners have had and what the Youth Award Committee looks for in a strong candidate. NCCJ Youth Human Relations Award Nominee is:

- A past NCCJ ANYTOWN delegate and/or staff member.
- A leader in their school and/or community. Community can be as small as your home, and as large as the world. It can be your school, your faith community, your neighborhood, your town, your state, etc.
- Someone who practices the following ethical principles in their daily lives:
 - Respect and caring for others
 - Open-mindedness
 - Advocates for just communities
 - Leads by example
 - Committed in their fight for human rights and dignity
 - Believes that oppression of anyone is an oppression of everyone.
- Active in organizations or student clubs that combat racism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, ageism, religionism, genderism and classism.
- Someone who contributes their time to volunteer for their school and/or community for positive change.
- Someone who has worked on action projects in their schools to create any kind of positive change.
- In high school or recent high school graduate (within the past year).

The NCCJ Youth Human Relations Award does not require that nominees have ALL the characteristics listed above. A strong nominee is someone who shows sincere commitment to making their community's bias and bigotry free. If you are or someone you know is an ideal candidate for this award, please fill out the short questionnaire and email it to ebetancourt@nccj.org by **Monday, May 20, 2019**. Please remember to proof-read your nomination form and include as much detail as possible.

Best of luck!

Eric Betancourt II



YOUTH HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD 2019 NOMINATION FORM

Due: **Monday, May 20, 2019.** by email to ebetancourt@nccj.org

Directions: Please read the questions carefully and answer with as much detail as possible. The Review Committee will judge the nominees based solely on this form, so you must convince the committee by providing a thorough picture of the individual and their work.

Nominee Information

Nominee Name:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
School/Organization:

Your Information (if nominating others)

Your Name:
Phone Number:
Email address:
School/Organization:
Relationship to Nominee:

1. How do you know the nominee and in what capacity have you worked with them?
2. How has being a part of NCCJ through NCCJ ANYTOWN, NCCJ Bridges and/or NCCJ Youth Action Coalition helped to positively change this person? How has this benefitted them in their life?
3. What qualities and characteristics does the nominee have that make them an effective leader?
4. What are some shortcomings or challenges that the nominee struggles with?
5. How is this nominee actively fighting prejudice, discrimination or oppression? In other words, what has this person done as an individual to fight against prejudice, discrimination or oppression? This can be in school organizations, community organizations or just as individuals. Please list as many things as you can in detail. If it is a project they have worked on please give detail – what was the objective and outcomes.
6. Share an inspiring story that demonstrates why this person is a deserving recipient of NCCJ Youth Human Relations Award?