

2026 Human & Civil Rights Awards Application

GENERAL CRITERIA

APPLICATIONS AND AWARDS

- 1) Vermont-NEA accepts nominations without regard to race, color, creed, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation or national origin.
- 2) Vermont-NEA reserves the right to present no award or to select a nominee other than the person or organization nominated for the award.
- 3) Vermont-NEA presents awards to nominees as selected by the Vermont-NEA Human and Civil Rights Committee and approved by the Vermont-NEA Executive Committee.

NOMINEES

- 1) May be individuals, schools, NEA affiliates, or organizations working in the area of human and civil rights;
- 2) Must be NEA members if eligible for membership;
- 3) Must not have performed the activities that meet the awards criteria as part of compensated Association staff responsibilities.

NOMINATORS

- 1) Must be Vermont-NEA members;
- 2) Must make nominations for a specific award category;
- 3) Must submit a single, completed nomination application that includes:
 - Nomination Form
 - Cover letter
 - Criteria Eligibility Form
 - Photo of group or individual
 - Other materials which support the nomination (optional)
- 4) Nomination forms and documentation must be received on or before 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2026 and may be submitted as follows:
 - Mail to Vermont-NEA/Alison Sylvester, 10 Wheelock Street, Montpelier, VT 05602;
 - Email to asylvester@vtnea.org; or
 - Fax to (802) 223-6375

Nominations that do not meet these criteria will not be considered.

2026 HUMAN & CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORIES (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ **CATEGORY 1:** Awarded to a **K-12 student(s)** whose activities have protected, supported, or furthered the human and civil rights of others.
- ☐ **CATEGORY 2:** Awarded to the **educator(s)** whose activities have protected, supported, or furthered the human and civil rights of students and/or people in the education profession.
- ☐ **CATEGORY 3:** Awarded to the **person(s) or group** whose activities have protected, supported, or furthered the human and civil rights of others.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Local Association: _____

Local Association President: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Local Association: _____

Local Association President: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

HUMAN & CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD APPLICATION - CRITERIA ELIGIBILITY

1. Initiates or supports a project or activity that furthers the rights of others.
2. Initiates or supports a project or activity that furthers the educational opportunities of others.
3. Initiates or engages in a project or activity that raises awareness of diversity issues.
4. Consistently champions human and civil rights.
5. Demonstrates heroism and inner strength in the area of human and civil rights.
6. Exemplifies and acts on belief in human and civil rights.
7. Deserves this award for other reasons (explain):