



**2025 Freedom Fund Annual Awards
Call for Nominations**

November 28, 2025, DEADLINE

The NAACP Des Moines Branch is now accepting nominations for its 2025 Freedom Fund Awards. The awards will be presented at the 48th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, December 6, 2025.

We encourage you to nominate individuals from your organization who have demonstrated leadership, extraordinary work, and commitment in making the Des Moines Metro an inclusive community. The goal is to build a community where all individuals can exercise their civil and human rights without discrimination.

The nomination should describe the nominee's involvement in civic engagement, activism, or advocacy, with a sustained commitment to one or more of the areas of Race & Justice, Education Innovation, Inclusive Economy, Health & Well-being or Environmental & Climate Justice.

Please complete the Nomination Form (attached) and submit it by **November 28, 2025** to secretary@naacpdesmoines.org.

Description of Corporate Citizen Award

This award recognizes owners, board members, employees, or volunteers in a corporation or business who actively engage in community and civic initiatives that align with the mission of the NAACP.

Nomination Guidelines

The nominee must meet one or more of the following guidelines:

- Be currently employed or serve as a board member, volunteer, or owner of a corporation or business that provides community services or resources.
- Demonstrate a commitment to partner with or provide resources to the community in areas like economic sustainability, education, health, public safety/criminal justice, voting rights, environmental issues, or youth engagement.
- Contribute or donate in-kind services as part of their commitment to community participation.
- Actively participate in internship programs, work-study opportunities, or volunteer mentorship programs for individuals looking to grow and develop.
- Demonstrate engagement with the community by using their knowledge, skills, and talent as a mentor, volunteer, or leader in creating meaningful change.



NOMINATION FORM

A NARRATIVE ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Submit the completed nomination form with supporting documents by Nov 28, 2025. It is important that you provide as much information as possible about your nominee and their contributions to the award category. Please, no more than five pages per nomination package.

Nominee Information

Name of Individual:

Individuals Corporate Title:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Daytime Phone Number:

1. Describe the nominee's work in advancing **Race & Justice, Education Innovation, Inclusive Economy, Health & Well-being, or Environmental & Climate Justice**.
2. Explain why this nominee stands out in their field and how their work has made a difference.
3. What makes the nominee's contributions unique to the NAACP's mission and the community?
4. Could the nominee serve as a national model for advocacy for all people? If so, how?
(Submissions with details in the category may be submitted to the National NAACP Annual Awards.

Nominator Information

Name of Contact Person Submitting this Nomination:

Your Title/Organization Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Daytime Phone Number:

Nominator/Nominee Signature:

Date: