

The Harold Love Outstanding Community Service Award

Community service recognition programs for higher education students and faculty/staff were created in Tennessee through legislation enacted by the General Assembly in 1991. In 1997, the awards were named for the late Representative Harold Love, Sr., who was instrumental in passing the enabling legislation. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission was given the charge to develop rules and regulations by which to implement these programs for public and private two- and four-year institutions. A taskforce of institutional and board representatives from across the state is convened each year to review each nomination submitted by the campuses and to select the five student and five faculty/staff recipients. Each individual recipient receives a cash prize of \$1000, which is awarded at the annual awards celebration to honor recipients.

“Love is in the House”

Elected to the General Assembly in 1968, Rep. Love was known for his compassion and good humor. A prominent Nashville insurance salesman, Rep. Love also served on the board of directors for the South Street Center and the Eighteenth Avenue Community Center. He graduated from Tennessee State University and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

With the welfare of his community as his primary concern, Rep. Love went to any lengths to help a constituent in need, even if it meant giving from his own pocket. That is why, whenever he was present during a session of the House of Representatives, it was said, “Love is in the House”

Requirements for Nominations and Application Procedures

Demonstrated public service

- Public service should be based on what constitutes public service to the community as defined by the respective institution’s role and mission, as well as service to the institution itself. The service should be beyond the scope of nominee’s paid duties.

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Nominee’s effectiveness

- An evaluation of the nominee’s effectiveness shall be judged by his/her impact on individuals, groups, or organizations served. This should include evidence of the success of his/her service, in terms of improvement of communities, volunteer work programs, charitable service, and leadership roles in community.

Documentation

- So that the decision process can be as objective as possible, each nomination should be accompanied by a complete and careful documentation of the candidate’s public service contribution. The nomination should be made on the Community Service Recognition Form (available from your President’s office) with the community service activities outlined on the data sheet.

Recommendations

- A letter of nomination from the President/Chancellor of the institution should be forwarded with the material.

Nomination packets are due on Thursday, March 23, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. CDT. Submissions should be emailed in PDF format to Herbert Brown at herbert.j.brown@tn.gov. The application must include:

- The Community Service Recognition Form.
- A letter of recommendation from the President /Chancellor of the submitting institution.

The nominations will be reviewed by a taskforce comprised of representatives from the Independent Colleges, Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee. The recipients will be selected on April 6. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Herbert Brown at 615-741-0060 or herbert.j.brown@tn.gov.

Timeline

- **February 14, 2017**
Letters requesting nominations sent to Presidents
- **March 23, 2017**
Deadline for nominations to be received by THEC
- **March 24, 2017**
Nominations sent to task force for review
- **April 6, 2017**
Selection of award recipients by taskforce
- **April 7, 2017**
Recipients and all Presidents notified of selections
- **April 21, 2017**
Awards Reception