



Humanitarian Awards Criteria and Procedure

Since 1963, in most of its active chapters, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities has presented the Humanitarian Award annually to one or more persons:

CRITERIA: The specific criteria of the Humanitarian Award are:

- 1.) It is given to a person who is respected *throughout* the community.
- 2.) It is given to a person for work and/or activities that have facilitated understanding among people of different religious faiths, ethnic groups and racial groups.
- 3.) It is limited to individuals. Corporations and organizations are not eligible for this Award, but may be recognized from time to time by the Distinguished Merit Citation Award.
- 4.) It is given to a person for helpful contributions toward better understanding among all people, either through association with Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities or its goals and ideals, by opposing prejudice in all its forms through community efforts.
- 5.) It is generally given only to living persons.
- 6.) It is given to a person who has made an identifiable creative achievement and/or a significant contribution toward the improvement of human relations, social welfare and justice, and the quality of life of the people in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Nominees who are professionally employed in positions in which furtherance of human relations is a part of their professional responsibilities will only be considered for this position when their contribution:
 - a.) Has been significantly *greater than* well above average for their profession,
 - b.) Is clearly *well beyond the call of duty*.

This Award may not be given to the current Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities Humanitarian Awards Dinner Chairman, Dinner Vice Chairman, past recipients of the Award in the Virginia region, or current employees of the organization.