



THE HAMER INSTITUTE

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Dear Friend of the Hamer Institute:

The Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy at Jackson State University extends an invitation for you to become one of our sponsors for the Fannie Lou Hamer Humanitarian Awards Luncheon, to be held on Friday, April 17, 2009 in Ball Room A located in the New Union on the campus of Jackson State University. The Purpose of this Awards Luncheon is to honor individuals and organizations that have made major contributions to the areas of service and leadership in the pursuit of social, economic, political, and environmental justice and equality. Consideration is given to Mississippians whose community involvement has benefitted the public, as well as to recognize those individuals and/or organizations that have not received appropriate recognition for their many contributions. The Fannie Lou Hamer Humanitarian Awards is also designed to honor individuals from various age groups as to acknowledge the accomplishments of young people, as well as seasoned leaders. We anticipate approximately 500 attendees for this event.

This Fannie Lou Hamer Humanitarian Awards Luncheon is open to all residents of Mississippi. It is for teachers, law enforcement personnel, political activists, social workers, safety personnel, government officials, youth service providers and many others.

We appreciate your support. Please contact Ms. Latosha Garrett at 601-979-1562 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Leslie Burl McLemore, Director
The Hamer Institute

**The Third Annual
Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy
2009 Hamer Humanitarian Awards Program**

PURPOSE

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ELIBILBILITY

An individual is eligible for consideration if he or she has performed outstanding service on behalf of others or whose achievements have greatly enhanced the quality of life in their community and State by exhibiting Civil Rights Leadership. This individual must also support the mission and goal of the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute on Citizenship and Democracy in promoting positive social change.

NOMINATION

Nomination packet must include:

- Name, address, and telephone number of nominee
- Name, address, and telephone number of nominator
- A signed letter of reference from a person or persons who have been impacted by or can verify the nominees service (not including the nominator)
- A narrative of the nominees service, not to exceed three type written pages, that qualifies the nominee for this award
- The Nominees resume

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Nominees must qualify under one or more of the following criteria:

- Made major contributions to society in pursuit of social, economic, political, and/or environmental justice
- Exhibit the principles of Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer in her efforts to bring about justice. Most notably, *Coalition-building*
- Major contributions to the success of their community at the local, state, and/or national level
- For the purposes of equal representation, the selection committee will make every attempt to honor an equal number of males and females, as well as an equal number of recipients with regards to age

NOMINATION GUIDELINES:

- Prospective honorees must nominate themselves or be nominated by another individual by **February 27, 2009**
- All applicants must complete a brief application and must submit a biographical sketch, resume, and/or vitae prior to the predetermined deadline.
- Phone or personal interviews may be used during the selection process

**The Fannie Lou Hamer Humanitarian Award
Nomination Form**

Nomination for:

Youth Award

Adult Award

Please type or Print Clearly

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Telephone: () _____ Fax () _____

Nominees age: _____ Email: _____

Verification: Please indicate two references who can verify the scope and extent of the nominee's community service activities. Each person must provide a letter of reference on behalf of the nominee. These individuals must be familiar with the community service work of the nominee and cannot be the nominee or relative of the nominee.

Name of Nominator _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Telephone: () _____ Fax () _____

Email: _____

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Nomination must include a completed nomination form, a resume, and a narrative of no more than two typed pages that outlines the outstanding service carried out by the nominee. Supporting documentation receive separate from the nomination form will not be considered. Supporting materials must be presented on 8 ½' X 11" sheets of paper. Do not submit audio cassettes, video tapes, films, books, photographs, or other such material unless requested.
2. Submit two copies (the original and one copy) of the completed nomination form and all supporting material. Send Nomination form and documents to: **The Hamer Institute * Jackson State University * JSU Box 17081 * Jackson MS 39217 * Nominations must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 27, 2009**
3. Decisions made by the selection committee are FINAL. All submitted entry forms and supporting materials become the property of The Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy. **Award Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 17, 2009**

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We appreciate your support and welcome you to the: Fannie Lou Hamer Humanitarian Awards Luncheon

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_____ Individual Ticket (\$50.00)
_____ Table of Eight (\$400.00)

Tickets must be purchased in advance

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Submission & Other Considerations

Please submit the original ad purchase form and your payment **on or before March 2, 2009.**

- All ads are printed in black and white except for the back cover.
- Ad graphic & content formats accepted: Adobe PDF; jpeg; Word; business cards or paper copies
- We are happy to assist you with formatting.
- Submission instructions: Call: 601-979-1562, e-mail: hamer.institute@jsums.edu, fax: 601-979-5926 or mail (see below)

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