



Modjeska Monteith Simkins Award

— for Human Rights & Social Justice —

Description

The Modjeska Monteith Simkins Award recognizes an individual or group in the Midlands that reflects Ms. Simkins' tireless fight for human rights. The recipient will be recognized for furthering Ms. Simkins' work to hold governments, businesses and agencies accountable for the equal rights of all citizens.

Criteria

To be considered for the award, the nominee must be an individual or group that:

- Engages in social or civil rights activism in South Carolina that advances the cause of human rights for South Carolinians
- Empowers others and encourages independence
- Demonstrates leadership, creativity and integrity in the community
- Performs his/her work to benefit the Midlands (Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Calhoun, Kershaw, Orangeburg, Saluda or Sumter counties)

Nominating process and procedure

Nominations must be submitted by April 16, 2018 by completing a nomination form and providing supplemental materials, as listed. Anyone may nominate a candidate. The award recipient will be determined by the Modjeska Monteith Simkins Award Committee. Only one candidate per nomination form, but nominators can submit multiple nominations. In addition to completing and submitting the nomination form, nominators will be asked to include:

- A one-page summary explaining why the candidate is being nominated
- Supporting documentation for the candidate
- Contact information

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Part I: Contact Information (please print clearly)

Nominee's name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Telephone with area code: _____

Email address: _____

Birth year (if deceased, also provide year of death): _____

Nominator's name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Telephone with area code: _____

Email address: _____

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Part II: Summary of nominee's qualifications

Provide a one-page summary about the nominee that describes his or her outstanding accomplishments and contributions to human rights in South Carolina.

Part III: Nominee activities, accomplishments and publications

1. Provide a brief summary for each relevant activity and/or accomplishment that includes the following information:

- Description of activity or accomplishment
- Date(s), if applicable, of activity or accomplishment
- Results and/or benefits of the activity or accomplishment (be specific and include documentation, if applicable, indicating results)

2. Include a maximum of five optional supporting attachments. Examples include newspaper or magazine articles, book reviews, award presentations, etc. CDs are acceptable. Do not send audio or video tapes, however, you can refer to a website that has audio or visual components by providing the complete title and web address.

3. Provide a list of previous awards that pertain to the nominee's contributions to social or civil rights.

4. Letters of support are encouraged.

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Part IV: Nominator's acknowledgment

I understand that to the best of my knowledge:

- This information is factual and if any is found not to be factual, the nomination is null and void.
- This nomination form and accompanying materials will become the property of the Modjeska Monteith Simkins Award Committee and will not be returned.
- The committee may notify the nominees or their representative to request more information and may arrange for and conduct an interview (in person or by phone).
- The committee has the right to use any information about the nominees in news releases, annual reports, publications and other communications as deemed appropriate by the committee.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Date signed: _____

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Additional information

- The nomination period is March 16, 2018 through April 16, 2018.
- The completed nomination form with supporting documents should be no more than 10 typed or handwritten pages.
- Due to reproduction quality, we cannot accept faxed submissions
- Nomination forms are available online by visiting the Community Development page on the Richland County website, **rcgov.us**.
- Completed nomination forms with supporting materials may be emailed, sent by postal mail or dropped off at the Modjeska Simkins House.
 - Emailed nominations should be sent no later than midnight on April 16, 2018 to **curtis.shumate@gmail.com**.
 - Mailed nominations (including four copies of the nomination form and supporting documents) should be postmarked no later than April 16, 2018 and sent to:

Modjeska Simkins House

Attn: Curt Shumate

2025 Marion Street

Columbia, SC 29201

- For more information, contact Curt Shumate, S.C. Progressive Network Office Manager, at **curtis.shumate@gmail.com** or **803-445-1921**.

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