



## The Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice

### Nomination Form

Each year **Voices Against Injustice** awards the Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice to an individual or group. The Salem Award was created by the Tercentenary Committee and was first presented in 1992, in commemoration of the lessons learned as a result of the infamous Salem Witch Trials of 1692. The purpose of the Award is to promote an understanding of the lessons of the Salem Witch Trials in the context of contemporary life.

#### **Selection Criteria**

By studying the Salem Witch Trials, we learn that order was restored to the Salem community by the outspoken protests of a few good citizens who spoke bravely and acted courageously in opposition to the prevailing chaos. In Salem, Massachusetts in 1692, certain individuals risked their lives to speak against the oppression of the trials and to call for order and forgiveness. Today, we continue to depend upon those few individuals who will not be silenced by fear and social disorder.

In recognizing and honoring present day champions of human rights and social justice, we publicly acknowledge the powerful significance and practical consequence of their work and join them in fostering tolerance, compassion, and reconciliation within our community.

The individual and/or organization to whom the Award is given must:

- Demonstrate a commitment to and efforts towards human rights and social justice issues particularly within the two years preceding their nomination;
- Demonstrate courage in the face of bigotry and intolerance.

The SAF utilizes Guidestar, Charity Navigator, 990 Finder, YouTube and other public sources to do due diligence on each nominee and to ensure to the best of their ability that the nominee has solid managerial skills and exercises appropriate stewardship of their resources.

## Process and Requirements

- The VAI Award Committee will assess your nomination based on your responses on the Nomination Form below and on any additional materials you provide that can support and corroborate your nomination.
  - If the nominator has a direct relationship with the nominee, please briefly describe the nature of the relationship.
  - Self-nominations will not be considered.
  - Nominations for members of the current honorary or advisory committee or current Board of Directors members will not be considered.
  - The nominee may be an individual or an organization.
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## Nominee Information

Proposed Nominee—Name of Organization if applicable  
Name of Individual, Director, or CEO (if organization):

Name of organization, if applicable:

Mailing Address **(if an international address, please be as specific as possible):**

Email Address: Home

Telephone: Work

Telephone: Cell

Website:

## Nominator's Information

Name:

Name of organization, if applicable:

Address:

Email Address:

Home Telephone:

Work Telephone:

Cell Telephone:

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**Please answer the following in support of your nominee in no more than 500 words per response:**

1. Consider the actions that the nominee has taken to bring about change in an area pertinent to human rights and social justice. As much as possible, identify the dates and context of the nominee's actions.
2. Detail how and when the nominee has demonstrated courage in the face of bigotry and intolerance and how the actions of the nominee exemplify the lessons of the Salem Witch Trials of 1692.
3. Please share any additional information about the nominee that you would like the committee to consider.

The undersigned grants to The Salem Award Foundation the right to copy, re-print, quote, or publish nomination materials and letters of support as part of its annual Awards program or in other public and promotional communications. Nomination materials become the property of The Salem Award Foundation and will not be returned.

Signature of Nominator

Date of submission of nomination

You may list my name as a Salem Award nominator (check one): Yes                      No

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Nominations must be postmarked or electronically dated by October 1, 2019 in order to be considered for receipt of the 2020 Salem Award.

You may mail your nomination to:

Voices Against Injustice Justice  
P.O. Box 8484  
Salem, MA 01970

You may also email your completed nomination to [nominations@salemaward.org](mailto:nominations@salemaward.org) by October 1, 2019.

**Thank you for your nomination and for supporting Voices Against Injustice and the Salem Award!**