



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 infamous Salem Witch Trials of 1692. The purpose of the Award is to support the work of individuals and organizations who stand up for Human Rights and Social Justice and to promote an understanding of the lessons of the Salem Witch Trials.

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 compassion, inclusion and reconciliation within our community.

The committee seeks to recognize individuals and/or organizations who..:

- Demonstrate a commitment to and efforts towards human rights and social justice issues particularly within the two years preceding their nomination;
- Demonstrate courage by speaking up against bigotry and intolerance.

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.
 - Nominations for members of the Board of Directors or any of its committees will not be considered.
 - The nominee may be an individual or an organization.
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Nominee's Information

Name of Individual or Organization:

Name of Director, or CEO (if organization):

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

Email Address:

Work Telephone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Website:

Social Media:

Nominator's Information (If different from above)

Name:

Name of Organization, if applicable:

Relationship to nominee (if not self)

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Home Telephone Number:

Work Telephone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Please answer the following in support of this 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 spoken up against 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 Voices Against Injustice 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 Voices Against Injustice 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

Nominations must be postmarked or electronically dated by **February 15th, 2023** in order to be considered for receipt of the 2023 Salem Awards for Human Rights and Social Justice.

You may mail your nomination to:

Voices Against Injustice
P.O. Box 8484
Salem, MA 01971

You may also email your completed nomination to nominations@salemaward.org by **February 15th, 2023**

**Thank you for your nomination and for supporting Voices Against Injustice
and the Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice!**