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Human Relations Commission Seeking Nominations for the 2025 Social Justice Awards

The City of Holland's Human Relations Commission (HRC) is asking residents to celebrate those who champion equality and justice by submitting nominations for the **2025 Social Justice Awards**. For more than 25 years, these awards have recognized exceptional individuals and organizations who have promoted equal opportunity and access for all residents in the areas of Housing, Education, Employment, Government, Community Relations, Health Services, and Accessibility. The Social Justice Awards also has a Youth category for students aged 13-19; winners in this category are determined by the Holland Youth Advisory Council (HYAC).

Do you know an unsung hero, a visionary leader, or a dedicated person or organization that has made a lasting impact by providing equal opportunity and access for all in our community? Nominate a champion today at www.socialjusticeawards.cityofholland.com.

The deadline for submission is Friday, December 5, 2025. Award recipients will be notified in December and recognized at the Social Justice Awards ceremony at City Hall in January 2026.

“Our city desires to continually promote social justice in our community by recognizing those individuals and organizations that work tirelessly to support housing, education, employment, government, community relations, health services, and accessibility for all residents. This is a mark of prosperous, thriving communities,” said Esther Fifelski, Human Relations Director for the City of Holland.

Since 1998, 121 recipients have received Social Justice Awards in the categories of Education, Employment, Government, Community Relations, Housing, Health Services, Accessibility, and Youth. Learn about the exemplary efforts of previous Social Justice Award recipients by visiting socialjusticeawards.cityofholland.com.

About the Human Relations Commission:

The Holland Human Relations Commission promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and access in housing, education, employment, and public service. We pursue a community of belonging for all residents, with consideration for groups that are underrepresented, underserved, or marginalized. Learn more about HRC goals and activities by visiting humanrelations.cityofholland.com and by following along on [Facebook](#).

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