



# 2009 MAYOR'S HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARDS

Recognizing Outstanding  
Volunteer Service  
In the City of Houston

**Deadline for Nominations:**  
Must be postmarked by June 26, 2009

**Return via U.S. Mail To:**  
City of Houston  
Attn: Christina Cabral (HHA)  
901 Bagby, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Houston, Texas 77002

Or

E-mail: [christina.cabral@cityofhouston.net](mailto:christina.cabral@cityofhouston.net)

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Nomination Application

## About the Awards

### **PURPOSE**

The Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Awards (MHHA) Committee seeks to recognize exemplary Hispanics who have made outstanding contributions toward improving the quality of life within the Hispanic community.

The MHHA Committee will review nomination entries and select the most outstanding nominees to receive the 2009 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Awards. Mayor Bill White and City Council will salute the winners at Council session every Tuesday during Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15). All winners will be presented an award at the kick off celebration.

### **2009 AWARD CATEGORIES**

**Community Activist** - recognizes the outstanding volunteer efforts of an individual dedicated toward improving conditions and opportunities in the Hispanic community. He/She should be a positive role model whose actions encourage others to follow in their footsteps. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

**Education** - recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to increasing awareness and understanding of the advantages of education and has worked towards implementing projects designed to improve educational opportunities within Houston's Hispanic community. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

**Health** - recognizes an individual who has exhibited and exceptional dedication to the improvement of healthcare, and has worked tirelessly to improve healthcare for members of the Hispanic community. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

**Lifetime Achievement** - recognizes an outstanding Houston resident with numerous years of commitment towards improving the quality of life in the Hispanic community. The individual's acts should include volunteer activities focused on benefiting the Hispanic community. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

**Public Safety** - recognizes an individual who has, with regard to public safety issues, exhibited exceptional energy and dedication towards improving the quality of life of Hispanics in Houston. Recipients may be Police Officers, Firefighters and private citizens. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

**Youth Activist** - recognizes a young Hispanic between the ages of 16 and 25 for outstanding work in the community. This work should include selfless volunteer work exhibiting leadership qualities that will inspire our youth to become the future leaders of the Hispanic community. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

### **NOMINATION CRITERIA**

- An individual currently engaged in volunteer service that improves the quality of life of Hispanics in Houston.
- Contribution and/or activity must have been performed in the greater Houston area for a minimum of one calendar year.
- Nominees are subject to background checks.
- Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
- Award recipients will be asked to attend a recognition event during Hispanic Heritage month at Houston's City Hall.
- Award recipients may be asked to do media interviews

### **DEADLINE**

Nominations must be emailed or postmarked no later than June 26, 2009 for consideration.

Website: <http://www.houstontx.gov/specialevents/hispanicheritage.html>

2009 Nomination Form

Please print clearly or type in the spaces below.



Category (choose only one)

- Community Activist
- Education
- Health
- Lifetime Achievement
- Public Safety
- Youth Activist

**Individual Nominee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Submit via U.S. Mail or email the completed**

**Mail To:**

- Nomination form (mandatory)**
- Narrative statement (mandatory)**
- Resume (mandatory)**
- Other Supporting materials**

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