

Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award

Bloomington Human Rights Commission seeks nominations

Do you know an individual or organization that has made a special effort to ensure **human rights** for all Bloomington citizens?

Nominate that individual or organization (business, volunteer or religious group) to receive well-deserved recognition by simply completing the enclosed application.

Describe what the individual or organization has done in the field of human rights, based on our established criteria. The selected individual or organization will receive the Omar Bonderud Award at a Bloomington City Council meeting in December.

The nomination deadline is September 9, 2011.

Send completed application to:

Human Rights Commission
Bloomington Civic Plaza
1800 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431-3027

Omar Bonderud was the first chair of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission which was formed in 1968.

If you have any questions, please call 952-563-8733, FAX 952-563-8715, TTY 952-563-8740, or visit the City of Bloomington's website at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Human Rights Commission.





Bloomington Human Rights Commission

Omar Bonderud Award

Application Guidelines

Award

Eligible recipients are individuals and organizations (business, volunteer, or religious groups) that have shown special efforts to ensure all citizens of Bloomington equal opportunities in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services, education and/or represent a substantial effort toward winning or preserving equality and justice for protected/vulnerable groups.

Selection

A panel of judges will review the nominations. The Bloomington Human Rights Commission will select the recipient of the Omar Bonderud Award.

Recognition

Award recipient will be recognized and receive a plaque at a Bloomington City Council meeting. Award recipient may be video taped for promotion and recognition purposes. All footage becomes the property of Bloomington City Information Television (BCIT).

Criteria

1. Nominee(s) **MUST** have lived or conducted business in Bloomington during the time of their contribution.
2. The contribution **MUST** represent a substantial effort toward winning or preserving equality and justice for groups of people whose circumstances make them vulnerable to prejudice, discrimination, or injustice. Vulnerable groups must be the "protected classes" defined in the Minnesota Human Rights Act, namely, those who may suffer discrimination because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, dependence on public assistance, age, sexual preference or family status.
3. The contribution **MAY** be in the form of one act, or a series of activities over a period of time, which should be cited specifically within the application.
4. The Bloomington Human Rights Commission **MAY** give priority to the nominee(s) whose contributions had an impact on a substantial number of Bloomington residents.
5. The Commission **MAY** give priority to the nominee(s) whose contributions affected more than one class of vulnerable people.
6. Priority **MAY** be given to nominee(s) who protect and/or enhance rights outside normal employment, instead of to person(s)/organizations who usually perform these services as part of their job description or business plan.
7. The Commission **MAY** decide not to give an award.
8. Bloomington Human Rights Commission members and City of Bloomington staff are ineligible for this award during the term of their service or for work accomplished for the Commission during their tenure, but may receive the award after they leave the Commission or Bloomington employment.

*As adapted from the League of Minnesota
Human Rights Commissions.*

The City of Bloomington does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities.

Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or computer disk.

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1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3027,
or e-mail to humanrights@ci.bloomington.mn.us **by September 9, 2011.**



Omar Bonderud Award Application

- A) Please give name as it would appear on the award and press releases.
- B) Refer questions to the Human Rights Commission at 952-563-8733, TTY 952-563-8740.
- C) Additional sheets may be used if necessary.

Nominated individual/organization:

Address:

10-Digit phone number:

Person making nomination:

Title:

10-Digit phone number:

E-mail:

1) Check those that apply:

- The nominee(s) lived in Bloomington during the time of their contribution.
- The nominee(s) conducted business in Bloomington during the time of their contribution.

2) Check the "protected classes" (as defined in the Minnesota Human Rights Act) that were impacted by the nominee(s) efforts. The Commission MAY give priority to the nominee(s) whose contributions affected more than one class of vulnerable people.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Color | <input type="checkbox"/> Creed | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sex | <input type="checkbox"/> Marital status | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> National origin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual preference | <input type="checkbox"/> Family status | <input type="checkbox"/> Dependence on public assistance |

3) Describe how the nominee(s) has made special efforts to ensure human rights (as selected above) for all citizens of Bloomington. Please site specific examples; including length of time, number of people impacted, etc.

4) Describe how this effort represents a substantial effort toward winning or preserving equality and justice for groups of people whose circumstances make them vulnerable to prejudice, discrimination, or injustice.

5) Was the effort in the form of one act, or a series of activities over a period of time? Please specifically cite the effort(s). The Bloomington Human Rights Commission MAY give priority to the nominee(s) whose contributions had an impact on a substantial number of protected classes who are Bloomington residents.

6) Please describe any efforts of the nominee(s) to protect and/or enhance rights outside normal employment, instead of duties performed as part of their job description or business plan.

Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award Recipients

1974 Elbert Clark – Instigated hiring of minorities at Thermo King, in Bloomington, where he served as Industrial Relations Assistant.

1974 Robert Timpfe – As Curriculum Coordinator for Bloomington high schools, introduced American Studies Program and Inter-Cultural History.

1975 Frances Berns – *Sun-Current* reporter/editor who was an activist for the rights of the disabled.

1975 David Cleary – Awarded for his work with persons who are mentally and physically disabled.

1977 Sally Bosanko – Former Human Rights Commissioner.

1977 Gail Cywinski – From Normandale Community College, organized Human Rights Day Observance.

1978 William V. Belanger, Jr. – State Senator who assisted the Commission in advocating for low and moderate income housing.

1978 Arlo Hasse – City staff member involved and committed to American Indian rights and culture.

1979 Evelyn Carter – Former Human Rights Commissioner and teacher in Bloomington schools.

1979 Donald Bartlette – City staff member coordinated the Office of Special Services. Served as a strong advocate for persons who are disabled.

1980 Patricia Helmberger – Former Human Rights Commissioner.

1980 Ellsworth Stenswick – Director of Special Education in Bloomington who worked with special needs children.

1981 Rev. Harry Stroessner – Former Human Rights Commissioner.

1983 Danny Berenberg – Owner of Lincoln Del who was recognized for his Kaiser Roll initiative and employment of persons with disabilities.

1988 Bill Kalina – Owner of Dave's Shoe Repair and an actively involved citizen who worked towards employing persons with disabilities.

1989 Decathlon Athletic Club – Awarded for their employment training program for persons with disabilities.

1989 Mavis Klefsaas – ESL teacher in Bloomington, who was actively involved in integrating new families into our community.

1989 Hedy Bolden – Teacher in Bloomington who established a multi-cultural education program for the School District.

1995 Yvonne Price – Former Human Rights Commissioner who was active in helping people with disabilities find housing and employment.

1996 Eloise Kelle – Indian Mounds Elementary School teacher promoted self-esteem and respect of cultural differences in the classroom and community. Committed to establishing global human rights practices.

1997 Bloomington Airport Marriott – Accommodated, mentored and provided job training, through a Vocational Internship Program, for students with special needs from Jefferson High School.

1998 Paven Malhotra – Youth member of the Human Rights Commission who, after observing discrimination in Jefferson High School, used education through hate crimes workshops to improve student awareness.

1999 Flora Tsukayama – Committed to community leadership, promoting diversity, volunteering and mentoring. Board member and translator in the Sister City Organization, which provides cultural exchange programs with the city of Izumi, Japan.

2000 Progressive Technologies – Offered employment to people who are developmentally disabled, focusing on their abilities and gifts.

2001 Dr. Ghafar Lakanwal – Founded Minnesota Cultural Diversity Center, that promotes multicultural understanding and inclusiveness in the workplace and community. Used education to improve understanding and relationships between all people.

2002 Seagate Technology's Diversity Action Council – Coordinated diversity training seminars, workshops and special events within company to encourage understanding of cultures around them. Built an environment in which diversity is valued.

2003 The Toro Company – Promoted community projects and activities benefiting at-risk youth, elderly and civic organizations. Started volunteer program allowing employees 20 hours off each year to volunteer at non-profit organizations on company time.

2004 Dinna Wade-Ardley – Diversity Coordinator for Bloomington Schools, 1995 - 2003. Started DDAC (District Diversity Advisory Council), 1995. Director of Department of Educational Equity since 2003. Emphasized family involvement and collaboration with community agencies. Lead Bloomington Schools towards embracing and appreciating our differences .

2004 Thomas Jefferson High School Diversity Committee – Made up of students, faculty and community organizations committed to an inclusive environment in which all students feel respected and valued. Facilitated multicultural activities to help the student body and faculty become more aware of the value of diversity.

2006 Larry Yazzie – An international lecturer, educator, performer and world champion fancy dancer, Larry is dedicated to understanding and promoting bridge building through traditional and cultural diversity worldwide. He has interacted with thousands of people in Bloomington at local community events.

2009 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church – An outstanding community organization with a long history of working with community partners to improve the lives of the diverse residents of Bloomington.