

SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

The Social Justice Award is intended to recognize and honor a member of the student body, staff and faculty at New Mexico State University who has volunteered to help create a more just society. Forms of social justice activism might include efforts to eliminate disparities in economic conditions, to facilitate political involvement, to work against inequality and prejudice, to promote peace and non-violence, or in some other fashion strive to make the community a better place for all. Previous recipients have engaged in such activities as community organizing, the advancement of tolerance, and the protection of free speech. Regardless of the contribution made, it must reflect a commitment of time, passion and energy beyond one's employment or general activities as a student, staff or faculty member of NMSU.

Applicants or nominators must describe in no more than one typed page how they or the person being nominated has impacted the local community through the promotion of social justice. The letter must describe, with concrete examples, the work done and how it has contributed to fostering a more just place to live. Letters of application and nomination are to be submitted to the Social Justice Award Committee, Department of Government, Breland Hall, Room 337, by no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 13, 2020. Letters may be sent through campus mail, MSC 3BN, but must be received by the deadline. The person submitting the letter should provide appropriate contact information, including a current phone number. In addition, a copy of a resume or CV should be submitted if the person applying or being nominated is a member of the faculty or staff. Applications and nominations may also be sent by email to Dr. Neil Harvey at nharvey@nmsu.edu

Applications and nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee composed mostly of individuals outside the Department of Government. The recipient will receive an award of \$300, subject to university policies and procedures. As a condition of being selected, the recipient must attend the award ceremony, to be held at the inauguration of the J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum at 4.45 pm on Thursday, April 2, 2020, and will help in the promotion of the Social Justice Award in the future. For more information about the Social Justice Award, contact Dr. Neil Harvey at (575) 646-4935.