



## **CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD**

### **CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

#### **Application Guidelines**

##### **Award**

Eligible recipients are individuals and organizations (businesses, volunteers or religious groups) that have shown special efforts to ensure all citizens of Chaska equal opportunities in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services, education and such other affairs as affect the social well-being of the Chaska Community.

##### **Selection**

The Chaska Human Rights Commission Members will review all nominations and select the Award recipient.

##### **Recognition**

The Award recipient will be recognized at the hometown Holiday Event and/or a Chaska City Council Meeting, and may be videotaped or photographed for promotional and recognition purposes. All footage becomes the property of the City of Chaska.

##### **Criteria**

- 1.** Nominee(s) MUST have lived or conducted business in Chaska 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 may be, but need not 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 Chaska Human Rights Commission MAY give priority to the nominee(s) whose contributions had an impact on a substantial number of Chaska 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.** The Chaska Human Rights Commission members and City of Chaska 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 City of Chaska employment.



## **CITY OF CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD APPLICATION**

1. Please give name as it would appear on the Award and press releases.
2. Please limit the narrative to 500 words or less.
3. Additional materials and information can be attached but should be limited to an additional 2 pages.
4. Refer questions to the Chaska Human Rights Commission Staff Liaison Nate Kabat at 952-448-9200 or [nkabat@chaskamn.com](mailto:nkabat@chaskamn.com).
5. Applications can be found on the City of Chaska's website [www.chaskamn.com](http://www.chaskamn.com) or by contacting Nate Kabat (see above).
6. Return Application to the Chaska Human Rights Commission, 1 City Hall Plaza, Chaska, MN 55318, by November 14, 2017, or email to [nkabat@chaskamn.com](mailto:nkabat@chaskamn.com).

**Nominated Organization/Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Person Making Nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative of how this individual/organization has made special efforts to ensure human rights for all citizens of Chaska.** (Please site specific examples, including length of time, number of people impacted, etc. Additional sheets may be used if necessary.)