

The Topeka Human Relations Commission (THRC)
Troy Scroggins Awards
Nomination Form

The THRC Troy Scroggins Awards are presented to deserving individuals and public and private entities for their efforts in furthering the HRC's mission, which is "to ensure fair and equal rights to all citizens of Topeka. The THRC Troy Scroggins Award recognizes outstanding achievements in ameliorating discrimination and prejudice based on race, sex, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, and sexual orientation and advancing diversity in the city of Topeka.

The first Troy Scroggins Award honoree was the award's namesake, Troy Scroggins. It is Mr. Scroggins achievements in addressing discrimination and prejudice and advancing diversity that this city should recognize as examples of how to treat all of its citizens and to uphold this city's commitment to equal rights as exemplified by *Brown v. Board of Education*.

There are four categories recognized:

1st Quarter - Outstanding Individual Achievement: Awarded to an individual whose efforts at ameliorating discrimination and prejudice and advancing diversity in Topeka are outstanding, singular and noteworthy. Honorees do not have to be Topeka residents. The honoree may be of any age.

2nd Quarter - Outstanding Public Entity Achievement: Awarded to a public entity Topeka or Shawnee County government agency or any Topeka entity where at least fifty percent (50%) of its total funding is from public funds (local, state or federal) whose efforts at ameliorating discrimination and prejudice and advancing diversity in Topeka are outstanding, singular and noteworthy. Honorees must have business offices in Topeka, but may be headquartered elsewhere.

3rd Quarter - Outstanding Youth: Awarded to an individual age 19 or younger (at the time of nomination) whose efforts at eliminating discrimination and prejudice and advancing diversity in Topeka are outstanding, singular and noteworthy. Honorees must be attending or had attended a high school or institute of higher education whose district is wholly or in part within the city limits of Topeka.

4th Quarter - Outstanding Private Entity Achievement: Awarded to a private entity in Topeka where less than fifty percent (50%) of its total funding is from public funds (local, state or federal) whose efforts at ameliorating discrimination and prejudice and advancing diversity in Topeka are outstanding, singular and noteworthy. Honorees must have business offices in Topeka, but may be headquartered elsewhere.

Nominations may be made by anyone who lives in the city of Topeka. One person or entity may nominate multiple people or entities. THRC board members may nominate an entity for which they work or with which they are affiliated, but must reclude themselves from voting on that entity. HRC board and staff members are not eligible to be nominated, nor is the agency eligible to be nominated.

For more information, please contact the THRC office at 368-3606.

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*Please use blue or black ink only and write legibly

Information for Person Making Nomination:

Name (Please Print)

Address and Zip Code (Please Print)

Work Phone Number (If Applicable)

Home Phone Number/Fax Number (If Applicable)

Cell Phone Number (If Applicable)

E-Mail Address (If Applicable: Please Print)

Information for Person or Entity Being Nominated:

Name of Person or Entity (Please Print)

Address (Please Print)

Phone Number/Fax Number (If Applicable)

E-Mail Address (If Applicable; Please Print)

Reason(s) for Nomination:

I am/we are nominating this person/entity because I/we believe he/she/they exemplifies the best efforts in Topeka at ameliorating discrimination and prejudice and advancing diversity. I/we believe that because*:

*Attach additional pages if necessary

By my signature I certify my residency in the City of Topeka

Date (Please Print)

Submit Nominations to:

**Topeka Human Relations Commission
215 SE 7th Street Room 352, Topeka, KS 66603
Phone: 785-368-3606**