2023 MLK Young Dreamers’ Award

**Purpose:**
The purpose of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Young Dreamers’ Award is to recognize one male and female outstanding emerging or proven young adult leader who lives in the City of Winston-Salem and has produced a meaningful result in community inclusiveness and race relations.

**Goal:**
The goal is to encourage young adults to participate in philanthropic, altruistic community involvement that is in the spirit of how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived and encouraged others to live.

**Eligibility:**
Nominees for the award must be 18-40 years of age on or before January 16, 2023. Nominees must be residents of Winston-Salem who have done outstanding work in the Winston-Salem community. Nominees cannot already hold an executive position (CEO, Executive Director, etc.) within his/her organization. Furthermore, nominees cannot be an elected government official (Senators, Representatives, City Council Members, County Commissioners, etc.).

**Criteria:**
Criteria should include those who have made a tangible difference in the lives of others who may have otherwise been overlooked, ignored, or disadvantaged. Specific examples include fostering positive race relations, vocalizing or acting against an injustice, leading inclusiveness among all individuals, embracing those who are perceived as being different, and celebrating religious diversity. There must be a tangible result from their civic or community-oriented work.

**Nominations:**
A nomination form will be made available to the public, and any citizens of Winston-Salem are asked to nominate men and women who meet the eligibility standards and criteria. **Nominations must be received by the Human Relations/DEI Department by December 12, 2022.** Please submit online at [www.cityofws.org/humanrelations](http://www.cityofws.org/humanrelations).

**Judging:**
Members of the Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission will review all nominations and select one male and female nominee to receive the MLK Young Dreamers’ Award.

**Award/Recognition:**
Winners will receive recognition in the form of a plaque and a letter from the Office of the Mayor. The winners will be recognized during a January City Council meeting and will be featured in a press release, on the City’s website, and on WSTV-13.