

**EARL CARL INSTITUTE'S**  
**2020 MARCIA JOHNSON OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**  
*"Recognizing Strong Voices at the Table for Change"*

**DEADLINE: Friday, May 15, 2020 by 5:00PM**

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**The Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy is now accepting applications for the Marcia Johnson Outstanding Public Service Award (MJOPSA).** The Earl Carl Institute's Annual Marcia Johnson Public Service Award provides a \$1,000 award to a TSU student, a community servant, and a local community organization in recognition of outstanding public service. ECI is seeking nominees for each of the three award categories who demonstrate an outstanding level of commitment, passion, innovation and achievement resulting in substantial contribution to public service that has made a real difference to people's lives among communities of color and the traditionally disenfranchised.

This award was established in the name of the Institute's founder, Professor Marcia Johnson. Professor Johnson is a visionary in her own right. In 1992, she created the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc. as a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. The MJOPSA was established to recognize and promote broad spectrum public service that places a voice at the decision-making table that advocates for the interest of disenfranchised communities.

The award seeks to recognize those who serve without glory, under the radar, doing the kind of work the Earl Carl Institute aspires to do. The types of work the MJOPSA intends to recognize includes, but is not limited to:

- Activities that promote progress and reform
- Legal & social policy advocacy
- Community coalition building
- Community organizing
- Grassroots organization
- Community decision making
- Research and education

Professor Marcia Johnson has served as a "voice at the table" for disenfranchised communities in a number of volunteer roles and has served on various national, state, and municipal boards and committees. Among others, she has served her community as vice chair of the Houston Forensic Science, LGC, Inc., Executive Committee Member of the Harris County Coalition for Juvenile and Criminal Justice Reform, and Member of the Board of Advisors, Annam Community Development Corporation. She epitomizes commitment as she serves as a mentor to many and an inspiration to us all.

**Eligibility Criteria:** To be considered for the 2020 Marcia Johnson Public Service Award, applicants must qualify under one of the following categories:

**Category One- Student Leader**

Must be a current student enrolled at Texas Southern University (graduate or undergraduate) with a demonstrated record of public service.

**Category Two- Community Organization**

Must be a community organization with a record of outstanding public service to the community and an annual operating budget of less than 5 million dollars.

**Category Three-Community Leader**

Must be an individual community leader with demonstrated public service and community advocacy.

**Selection:**

Awards will be based on the quality of the application submitted, public service record, and other personal achievements. Winners will be determined by the ECI MJOPSA Award Committee subject to approval by the ECI Board of Directors.

**Award Specifics:**

Please note that one awardee from each category will be selected. A total of three monetary awards in the amount of \$1,000.00 each will be presented at the “A Voice at the Table”: The Earl Carl Institute’s Annual Marcia Johnson Public Service Award Reception.

**Application Process:**

Nomination by application will open on **February 10, 2020**. All applicants are required to submit a:

1. Completed application with the applicant’s name and contact information (see attached). An electronic version of the application can also be accessed via the Earl Carl Institute website at [www.earlcarlinstitute.org](http://www.earlcarlinstitute.org) under the **Events** tab.
2. Personal Statement describing the applicant’s outstanding service in support of traditionally disenfranchised communities (2 page limit, attach pages if necessary).
3. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from individuals who are familiar with the applicant’s work and can accurately and knowledgeably describe the applicant’s commitment to public service

The Earl Carl Institute and the ECI MJOPSA Award Committee reserves the right to invite nominations as well.

**Deadlines:**

Completed packets must be submitted to the Earl Carl Institute by 5 PM on Friday, May 15, 2020. Submissions via email must be sent to the attention of Lucinda Daniels at [lucinda.daniels@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:lucinda.daniels@tmslaw.tsu.edu). Questions may be directed to Lucinda Daniels or Sarah Guidry at 713-313-1139. To learn more about the Earl Carl Institute visit us online at [www.earlcarlinstitute.org](http://www.earlcarlinstitute.org).

# MARCIA JOHNSON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

## 2020 APPLICATION

Please type or print and submit this form if you have a dedicated interest in public service and would like to be considered for The Earl Carl Institute's 2020 Marcia Johnson Public Service Award. Please be sure to attach a two-page personal statement describing your outstanding public service to disadvantaged or marginalized groups. The deadline for consideration is **May 15, 2020**.

### Award Category Applying For:

- Category One: Texas Southern University Graduate Student or Undergraduate Student Leader (must be enrolled at the time of application)
- Category Two: Local Community Organization
- Category Three: Community Leader

### Applicant Info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent (Home) Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address (if different from home): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliated Organization(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Major Public Service Activities/Community Engagement during the past three (03) year period:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Names of individuals from whom you have requested recommendation letters. (Three recommendations are required.)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly explain how your public service work relates to the mission of the Earl Carl Institute.**

**ATTACH PERSONAL STATEMENT AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

**FOR TSU STUDENTS ONLY:**

TSU College or School (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ONLY:**

Annual Budget \_\_\_\_\_

Mission Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Attach: Strategic Plan and/or Annual Report**