



## EARL CARL INSTITUTE'S MARCIA JOHNSON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

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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 category that demonstrates 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.

**The Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy is now accepting applications for the Marcia Johnson Outstanding Public Service Award (MJOPSA).** 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. Professor Johnson named the Institute after long term law school Professor Earl Carl. She did so because Earl Carl epitomized the idea of accomplishment despite obstacles. She envisioned creating a training ground for law students that would ultimately give back to historically disenfranchised communities. Today, the Earl Carl Institute is dedicated to identifying potential implementable solutions to legal and social issues disproportionately impacting the minority community through academic and grassroots efforts, opportunities to promote policy changes for the betterment of the urban community and to fulfill the missions of the Institute, Thurgood Marshall School of Law and Texas Southern University.

It is because of Professor Johnson's vision, sense of fairness and passion for service to disenfranchised communities that the Institute continued to evolve and expand its reach over the years. Today, in addition to serving as a resource for law students to develop and strengthen their academic research and writing skills, the Institute also serves as a valuable resource to the community. The Institute serves the community through the offering of its programs and services which include three free direct legal services programs, community forums, symposia, pro bono activities and by providing research based policy advocacy written materials addressing issues that have a disproportionate impact on people of color, as well as other populations traditionally disenfranchised, on a local, state and national level. 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.

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. Potential recipients include students, community leaders and community organizations who have performed and/or supported outstanding public service in support of traditionally 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. In particular the following are some of the types of work the MJOPSA intends to recognize:

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

**Eligibility Criteria:** To be considered for the 2017 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 2 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 your application, your public service record, and other personal achievements. Winners will be determined 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 on April 6, 2017.

### **Application Process:**

Nomination by application will open on November 1, 2016. All applicants are required to submit a:

1. Completed application with the applicant's name and contact information (see attached or you can access a fill-in the blank pdf application form can also be found on the Earl Carl Institute website at [www.earlcarlinstitute.org](http://www.earlcarlinstitute.org)).
2. Personal Statement describing the applicant's outstanding service in support of traditionally disenfranchised communities (2 page limit)
3. Two 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 Tuesday, January 3, 2017**. Submissions via email must be sent to [lrdaniels@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:lrdaniels@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).

The final selections will be announced during the last week of February 2017. The awards will be given at the reception on April 6, 2017.

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## 2017 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 2017 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 January 3, 2017.

### Award Category Applying For:

- Category One-Texas Southern University Graduate or Undergraduate Student Leader
- Category Two- Local Community Organization
- Category Three-Community Leader

### Applicant Info:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cellular) (Work) (Home)

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 year period:

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

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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**