

League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County

The Making Democracy Work Award

Award Nomination Form

Criteria

In honor of its 90th anniversary, the League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County established the Making Democracy Work Award. Beginning in 2017, the League of Women Voters (LWV) may recognize one organization and/or one individual each year with a Making Democracy Work Award. Current LWV board members are not eligible for the individual award.

This award recognizes and honors those who have made outstanding contributions by:

- promoting voting rights
- educating voters
- formerly serving as an outstanding public service appointee or elected official
- assisting and promoting voter registration
- leading efforts to introduce public policy that promotes fairness, equality, and diversity
- making government more transparent and accountable
- or demonstrating advocacy for youth, or the disenfranchised to become more involved in democracy.

With this award, the LWV honors the outstanding efforts of those individuals and organizations who have inspired others to continue to make democracy work. Honorees must be able to attend the April annual meeting of the LWV and must be willing to permit media coverage of their story and award. At its annual meeting, the LWV will award both an engraved plaque as well as a paver that will be placed in the Plaza of Heroines on the Iowa State University campus. In lieu of the paver, an honoree may choose a monetary gift of \$100 to a charity of their choice. Honorees are invited to speak briefly at the LWV annual meeting.

To nominate an individual or organization for this award, please complete this form and submit it with the required supplemental materials:

1. Full name of nominee (either individual or organization) and contact information:

Address: _____

Cell and home numbers: _____

Email address: _____

2. Name of person submitting the nomination:

How long have you known nominee? _____

What is your relationship to nominee? _____

Your address: _____

Your cell and home phone numbers: _____

Your email address: _____

3. Attach a narrative (no more than one page) describing how your nominee fits the award criteria. Introduce the nominee with a brief overview of his/her background and why the nominee deserves this award.
4. Attach up to three letters of support or statements from coworkers, friends, or supporters who are aware of the nominee's accomplishments and contributions to making democracy work.

**Please submit all materials by March 15, 2018 to: LWV of Ames and Story County award selection committee
PO Box 2266 _____, Ames, IA 50010 or submit electronically at: prez2.lwv@gmail.com**