

The Malcolm McDowell Award

APPLICATION

The Malcolm McDowell award is designed to honor a graduating member of the Human Rights Academy. **Candidates must have been a member of their school's HRA team for at least two years.** Successful candidates will be able to demonstrate initiative, leadership, and dedication to improving the human rights atmosphere of Cape Cod and the wider world.

A complete application file will include

- an application form,
- copy of transcript,
- a letter of recommendation from the candidate's Human Rights Academy advisor,
- a personal letter from the candidate.

The personal letter should tell us about the candidate's experience with the Human Rights Academy, his/her role in the school's HRA projects, and why improving human rights matters to the student. We also want to know how the student plans to continue working on human rights issues in the future, whether at college, in the workforce, or in the military. Instructions appear on the next page.

We are looking not necessarily for the person with the best grades, but for the person with the greatest passion, courage, and dedication to making the world a more just and peaceable place.

*Submit your completed application package
to: The Malcolm McDowell Award
c/o Barnstable County Human Rights Commission
P. O. Box 247
Barnstable, Massachusetts 02630*

***** Deadline for applications is May 2, 2018 *****

The Malcolm McDowell Award Application

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Applicant's full name: _____

Mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

email: _____

School: _____

HRA advisor: _____

How many years have you been part of your school's Human Rights Academy team? _____

1. **Please write a letter** to the McDowell Award Selection Committee. In that letter, explain what got you interested in the Human Rights Academy (HRA) in the first place. Please list the projects you have worked on during your years on the HRA team. Describe your role in these projects. Were you a leader, or support person? What specific tasks did you take on? Were you the idea person? Of these projects, which was your favorite one and why? What did you learn from it?

As you leave your school, what are your plans for the immediate future? Work, college, a gap year, military service? What are your goals for a career? Why? And how will you carry forward in your life your interest in human rights?

This letter should be 500-1000 words in length. It should be typed and signed by you and your HRA advisor.

2. In addition, please **request an official transcript** from your guidance counselor or Academic Dean. That transcript should be sent to

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3. Please **write your name on the attached reference form and give it to your HRA Advisor** for completion. The completed form should be mailed to the address above.

If you have questions, please contact Susan L. Quinones, Coordinator for the Barnstable County HRC, at hrc@barnstablecounty.org or at 508-237-5195.

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HRA Advisor's Reference

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Dear HRA Advisor:

Your student, _____, is applying for the Malcolm McDowell Award for human rights activism. We appreciate your taking the time to respond to the following questions. Your answers will help the committee evaluate your student's application. Thank you.

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Advisor's name: _____

School: _____

- How many years as this student been involved in the HRA team? _____
- Please describe the role the student has played -- designing projects, leading the work, supporter, etc.

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- Describe the student's leadership and level of commitment to improving human rights. What risks has this student taken to advance the work of your HRA team?

- Tell us how concern for human rights enters in to this student's world view and plans for the future.

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- Finally, please share any other information that would be helpful to the committee in evaluating this student's application.

*Thank you very much. Your completed recommendation form should be sent to
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