



UVSA-Midwest  
VIA-1 Community Scholarships  
Social Justice and Equity Award

**Description:**

The Social Justice and Equity Award will be presented to an outstanding recipient that has demonstrated the ability to lead, empower, and advocate for social issues that impact the lives of the communities that they serve. This honor will be given to someone who has engaged in the difficult work fighting for social justice and equity through their involvement, projects, visions, research, teaching, and/or service. The purpose of this award is to recognize someone who recognizes and brings attention to structures of power that perpetuate injustice in its many forms, and engages in work that contribute to the well-being of disempowered, disenfranchised, and oppressed individuals or groups.

**Award:**

The recipient will be awarded:

1. Registration and hotel fees for the VIA-1 Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio
2. A plaque with their name and the respective award

**Eligibility Criteria/Guidelines:**

1. The applicant/nominee is an individual that holds or has previously held a leadership role in organizations or activities that have contributed to supporting a marginalized group of people.
2. The applicant/nominee is NOT required to be a staff member of UVSA-Midwest or a member UVSA-Midwest's events. The applicant/nominee does not have to come from one of UVSA-Midwest's member states or schools.
3. Current members of UVSA-Midwest's Executive Board, internal staff, or VIA-1 Executive Directors may not apply or be nominated for this Award scholarship. However, they can encourage and solicit nominations.
4. Nominees/applicants should demonstrate engagement in activism on issues such as:
  - a. Racial justice
  - b. Immigration
  - c. Education, access, and opportunity
  - d. Transformative justice
  - e. Poverty and gentrification
  - f. Environmental justice
  - g. School discipline policies (school to prison pipeline)
5. We accept nominations and applications without regard to race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, class, or ability.

### **Application/Nomination Procedures:**

1. The application/nomination forms will be released on **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. Those interested in completing nomination/application forms must submit a complete form to Cindy Nguyen, UVSA-Midwest Secretary by the deadline of **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**.
2. Application/nomination forms can be submitted electronically through email using the PDF form provided OR the online Google form.  
The Google form application link is: <https://goo.gl/forms/79xc1mpSr0xublqv1>  
The Google form nomination link is: <https://goo.gl/forms/JLWXV9sXVCrQjRT53>  
If you wish to fill out the PDF, please send it to [cindy.nguyen@uvsamidwest.org](mailto:cindy.nguyen@uvsamidwest.org).
3. All forms will be pending review as soon as they are submitted. Any questions can be directed to [cindy.nguyen@uvsamidwest.org](mailto:cindy.nguyen@uvsamidwest.org).
4. The recipient will be decided on **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The content and decision will be based on: Nominee's/Applicant's involvement and activities, focus, qualities, and outcomes. Only one recipient will be confirmed for this award.

## Social Justice and Equity Award Application Form

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

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions/Organizations:

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1. What inspires you to be a visionary, game changer, disruptor, or revolutionary?
2. Describe the project(s) or experience(s) you were involved with and identify the social justice issue(s) addressed within the project(s) or experience(s). Also, describe who was the intended beneficiary.
3. Why did you choose to get involved with the project(s)/experience(s)?
4. Describe your role within the project(s)/experience(s) and if it has affected you or your pursuit in social justice. What was the outcome? Make the connection between the experience and the broader social context.
5. Describe all connections and/or collaborations within the project(s) with other individuals or organizations, if any.
6. What issues are you most passionate about? Do you have any plans to engage in any other projects or experiences to celebrate, empower, and/or fight for marginalized individuals/groups?

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018 at 11:59 PM CST**

**Social Justice and Equity Award Nomination Form**

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Known Involvement:**

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**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Title(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. How is the nominee a visionary, game changer, disruptor, and/or revolutionary?
2. Describe the project(s) or experience they were involved with and identify the social justice issue(s) addressed within the project(s) or experience(s). Also, describe who was the intended beneficiary.
3. Describe their role within the project(s)/experience(s). What was the outcome?
4. Describe all connections and/or collaborations within the project(s) with other individuals or organizations, if any.
5. What issues are they most passionate about? Do they have any plans to engage in any other projects or experiences to celebrate, empower, and/or fight for marginalized individuals/groups?

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