



HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

The Prince William County Human Rights Commission is now accepting nominations for its Human Rights Awards.

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution in promoting equality for all people in Prince William County?

Nominate an individual, co-worker, organization or business who deserves recognition for enriching our community through their significant and substantial work fighting for and encouraging equality. Some of our previous awardees have:

- ◆ Organizations, has made significant strides in promoting civic engagement, informed voting, and community involvement throughout Prince William County.
- ◆ Advocating for and supporting those experiencing homelessness, creating pathways of hope and dignity for countless individuals and families.
- ◆ Provide a valuable platform for veterans and military spouses to showcase and expand their businesses, partnering with local, state, and federal veteran organizations to boost brand awareness.

Winners will be announced in January 2026 at our annual Universal Human Rights Day program. The theme this year is "From Reconstruction to the Future: 250 Years of Civil Rights Progress."



**Nominations close
December 5, 2025.**



On the occasion of America's 250th anniversary in 2026, the legacy of the Reconstruction Amendments serves as a poignant reflection on the nation's efforts to achieve its ideals of freedom, equality, and justice. The 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868, is one of the most significant amendments to the U.S. Constitution. It was enacted during the Reconstruction era to ensure equal civil and legal rights for formerly enslaved people and all citizens. This amendment is best known for its first section, which includes the Citizenship Clause, the Due Process Clause, and the Equal Protection Clause. The Citizenship Clause overturns the 1857 Dred Scott v. Sandford Supreme Court decision by declaring that all persons born or naturalized in the United States and "subject to the jurisdiction thereof" are citizens. This established the principle of birthright citizenship and elevated federal citizenship over state citizenship.

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