



The purpose of the annual Onyx Award is two-fold: to recognize and salute to outstanding achievements of Blacks and corporations that promotion inclusion and diversity. Secondly, the Onyx Awards signature events serve as a funding engine to support health and education initiatives of the foundation, which currently focuses on sickle cell disease, early literacy and scholarships.

The Onyx Award Nomination Form should be used to nominate an individual for consideration for any award category. Please note the detailed description of each award and the nominating criteria attached below. Please complete this form in its entirety. Attach additional sheets, as necessary. We also encourage supporting documentation about the nominee such as media coverage, articles, certificates, photographs, etc.

Nomination forms should be mailed to LBS FOUNDATION INCORPORATED, P. O. Box 555059, Orlando, FL 32855-5059 or emailed to: info@onyxawards.com before November 30, 2009.

Submitter's Contact Information:			
Name:			
Title:			
Company:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
Zip:		Country:	
Phone:		Email:	
Please Indicate Award Category:			
<i>Competitive Awards</i>		<i>Non-Competitive</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Award		<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Diversity Award	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Award		<input type="checkbox"/> Publisher's Award	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Service Award		<input type="checkbox"/> Achievement in Sports Award	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication Award		<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement Award	
<input type="checkbox"/> Education Award			
<input type="checkbox"/> Music/Performing Arts Award			
Nominee's Contact Information:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if same as submitter's contact information			
Name:			
Title:			
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City:		State:	
Zip:		Country:	
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General Questions

(Please use 'plain text' only in your responses (no bold, italics, bullets, etc.).

1. Educational Background:

School	Name and Location	Course of Study	Degree or Diploma conferred
High School/GED			
College			
Graduate School			
Vocational Training/Other			

Membership in professional or civic organizations:

Awards, Honors, Recognitions:

2. Describe your Professional Background:

3. How has your service, profession, or product helped to benefit the community?

4. How long have you been involved in service to the community?

- 2-5 years
 more than 10 years
 5-10 years
 most of your life

5. In your opinion, approximately how many people have benefited from your efforts?

6. What do you consider your most significant contribution to the state of Florida, or to those people in the city in which you reside?

7. How did you achieve service, leadership, innovation, and community presence as outlined in the Onyx Nomination Criteria section of this form?

8. What benefits/changes occurred in your community as a direct result of your service, leadership, innovation, and community presence as outlined in the Onyx Nomination Criteria section of this form?



Onyx Nomination Criteria

Description of Award Categories

Competitive Awards
<p>Business Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must possess strength of character, leadership, work ethics, and perseverance in building a lucrative business. ▪ Must demonstrate significant impact on the community by providing job opportunities and mentoring for those who need advice in the attempt to survive in today's business world. ▪ Must serve as role models within their communities, practicing honesty, trustworthiness, and respect in dealing with the public. ▪ Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement. ▪ Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.
<p>Community Service Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must participate and demonstrate outstanding contributions to peace and human rights. ▪ Must give unselfishly of his or her time and talent in support of various civic, charitable, and social initiatives for the enrichment and improvement of the community. ▪ Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement. ▪ Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.
<p>Public Service Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award goes to the organization whose involvement and leadership in the community has helped to improve the quality of life for African Americans through its mentoring, provisions for educational opportunities, and opportunities that promote economic empowerment within the communities they serve. • This organization must have also included in its mission a provision for developing youth potential in multiple aspects of life. • Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement. • Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.
<p>Communication Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This award goes to an individual or company that has been outstanding and unbiased in reporting every aspect of the news. ▪ Demonstrate a commitment to keeping the public well informed, and serve as catalyst for positive community change. ▪ Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement. ▪ Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.
<p>Education Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must demonstrate extraordinary strides toward the development of our youth at the school level, or as an advocate for children. ▪ At times, serve as an advocate for children from the community level to Tallahassee. ▪ This honor may also embrace a political figure or lobbyist who has been instrumental in getting laws passed that will have a positive effect on Florida's education system at large. ▪ Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement. ▪ Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.



Music/Performing Arts Award

- Must exemplify outstanding talent through his or her own artistic performances (i.e. music, voice, dance, theatrical performances).
- Must demonstrate qualities of performing arts through his or her teaching and/or promote and enhance cultural diversity through the arts.
- Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement.
- Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.

Non-Competitive Categories

Cultural Diversity Award

- As we become a more diverse nation - racially, ethnically, religiously, and culturally, we began to understand that diversity encompasses differences and similarities while maintaining a respect for both.
- This award goes to the corporation that is not afraid to include minorities at all levels of operation, and has established and implemented the practice of making opportunities available to individuals based solely on his or her strengths.
- Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement.
- Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.

Publishers' Award

- The individual, who receives this award, receives it as a special honor from the publishers of Onyx Magazine.
- Each year, the publishers choose one who has distinguished him or herself as a asset to society.
- This nominee may be chosen from any line of endeavor.
- Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement.
- Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.

Achievement in Sports Award

- This award goes to a nominee, who has contributed significantly in the area of sports either as a participant or as a promoter.
- Further, this nominee must have taken advantage of his or her stature in the community by showing him or herself as a model of fair play, integrity, and as a willing partner in community service, especially that of responding to the physical and moral development of young people.
- Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement.
- Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.

Lifetime Achievement Award

- This is an exceptional honor for an exceptional nominee.
- The Lifetime Achievement Award is comprehensive and is awarded for achievement in leadership, teaching, and service.
- The nominee must have been an enabler for making a significant difference in the lives of many.
- This award goes to a leader who professional and personal accomplishments have gained distinction through long-standing contributions to the people of Florida.
- Must demonstrate leadership and community involvement.
- Must demonstrate significant impact on the community.