# Excellence in Education Awards nomination form

# **ABOUT:**

The Office of Multicultural Affairs was established by Executive Order in January 2012 with a mission to promote an inclusive climate for all communities. One of the ways we seek to accomplish this mission is to engage in community partnerships with various organizations across Utah and encourage youth engagement through the Multicultural Youth Leadership Day at the Capitol each year.

As an integral part of the Multicultural Youth Leadership Day at the Capitol, we seek to recognize extraordinary students and educators who help to advance civic learning and engagement with all communities of Utah. This award is presented to up to three students from grades 10, 11, 12, and educators as deemed appropriate by our office.

#### **CRITERIA:**

- 1. The nominee has been personally involved in making tangible, visible, and meaningful contributions to the advancement of civics learning and service among all communities.
- 2. The nominee is a student or educator from grades 10, 11, 12.
- 3. The nominee has not previously received the award.

Examples of the type of honorees we seek to recognize include but are not limited to the following:

## **Advancing Civic Engagement**

- Explores partnership opportunities Identifies opportunities and takes action in building relationships with others and helping to achieve mutual respect.
- Translates initiatives into action Moves others to take action in the day-to-day activities and behaviors that enhance leadership and service.

# **Embracing Intercultural Awareness**

- Focuses on community Seeks to understand the shifting circumstances, problems, expectations, and needs within the school and community.
- Leads through vision and values Inspires action to promote inclusion as a value in the classroom, school, and community.

# **Facilitating Change**

- Encourages boundary breaking Motivates others to seek different and innovative approaches to addressing problems and opportunities in school and in the community.
- Leading change Facilitates and implements continuous improvements in the classroom, school, and community.

# **EVALUATIVE CRITERIA:**

The Office of Multicultural Affairs' aim is to celebrate the nominees who initiate new ideas and involve people, organizations, and diverse communities to be engaged in Utah's civic and democratic life.

- The promotion of an inclusive climate for all communities.
- The collaboration with others that advance a local or regional vision and narrative for civic engagement.
- The support for civic success outcomes for all students, schools, and communities.







## **REQUIRED NOMINATION MATERIALS:**

#### Nominee and nominator information

- Nominee Information: Name, grade, or title of the nominee, school, school district.
- Nominator Information: Name, organization, and contact information.

## **Nomination materials**

- Descriptive summary written by the nominator about the nominee's qualifications as related to the applicable selection criteria.
- Three pages maximum and submitted in letter format.

## **Deadline**

The award nomination form and materials are due at 5:00pm on Friday, January 25, 2019 via GoogleForms submissions or emailed to rbenally-sagg@utah.gov.

Award recipients will be honored on Tuesday February 5, 2019 during the Multicultural Youth Leadership Day at the Capitol.

# NOMINATION FORM **NOMINEE INFORMATION (REQUIRED):** Nominee is a(n): Student Educator First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (for educator): \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade (for student):** 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade School: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: **NOMINATOR INFORMATION (REQUIRED):** First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_ Title: Organization or School District: Email: The enclosed nomination package includes the following: A completed nomination form with contact information. A descriptive summary written by the nominator about the nominee's qualifications as related to the applicable selection criteria. (Please note: three pages maximum, submitted in letter format.)



