



Freedom Fund Banquet Committee  
NAACP - Loudoun County Branch

**The Marie Medley Howard Award**

PRESTIGE AWARD GUIDELINES

Revised August 30, 2019

Mrs. Marie Medley Howard was a civil rights activist in the early 1930's and 1940's. "Miss Marie," as she was better known, was part of the movement to build The Douglass School, the first school in segregated Loudoun County built for blacks. It was through this long struggle which many blacks worked, fought, and suffered many legal setbacks to purchase land to provide a better education for their children. During such times it became necessary to start the NAACP Branch in Loudoun County.

In 1939, concerned parents, teachers, and the Parent Teacher Association for Black Schools were very instrumental in establishing the Middleburg Branch of the NAACP. The details on how the branch evolved are not clear. However, what stands out is Miss Marie's involvement in the organization, which later became The NAACP Loudoun County Branch.

The Loudoun County Branch established the Marie Medley Howard Award in remembrance of its founder. It was created to honor and recognize Mrs. Marie Medley Howard for her resounding commitment to the struggle for human rights, education and justice. By presenting this award annually, The NAACP Loudoun County Branch recognizes those who exemplify the same courage, strength and deeds of its founder, Mrs. Marie Medley Howard.

The NAACP Loudoun County Branch is seeking nominations for the 2019 recipient of the award. Nominations must be postmarked by October 10, 2019. The award will be presented at the Freedom Fund Banquet on November 2, 2019, at the Washington Dulles Marriott.

Any current member of the NAACP Loudoun County Branch may be nominated. Nominees should have been consistently active and involved in volunteer community services over an extended period. Previous winners are not eligible for nomination for two years. A Nomination Form is attached, and is also available on the NAACP Loudoun County website at [naacploudoun.org/resources/forms](http://naacploudoun.org/resources/forms). Click on Marie Medley Howard Award.



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Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Clearly or Type)

**Nomination form must be postmarked by October 10, 2019.**  
Nomination form may be emailed, faxed or mailed.

Email: [secretary@naacploudoun.org](mailto:secretary@naacploudoun.org)  
Fax: 703-779-2990

Mailing address: NAACP Loudoun County  
P.O. Box 2439  
Leesburg, VA 20176

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

Nominator Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Has nominee been made aware of your nomination?  Yes  No

**TELL US ABOUT THE NOMINEE**

How long have you known the nominee? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) this person should be recognized. You should describe the volunteer community services performed by the nominee, the length of time involved, the impacts of the community, and the level of the nominee's involvement. Please include biographical information about the nominee, including any other known awards received for volunteer community service. Additional space is provided on the back side of this form.

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