

# INTERNATIONAL PAPER



International Paper, in conjunction with the National Civil Rights Museum, is pleased to again sponsor the **Keeper of the Dream Award** at the Student Forum to be held on October 30, 2019. The Keeper of the Dream Award is a public recognition of selected youth in grades 6-12. This year there will be two grade categories. Two winners in grades 6-8, and two in grades 9-12 will be selected. This award celebrates and recognizes the hard work and dedication of young people who have taken action and demonstrated a commitment to ensuring equal rights and opportunities for others.

The Keeper of the Dream Award parallels the [National Civil Rights Museum Freedom Award](#), which is bestowed upon worthy individuals who have forged paths to expand freedom and opportunities for all people. The student winners of the Keeper of the Dream Award will be honored on stage at the 2019 Student Forum.

## Award Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must not have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before October 30, 2019.
- Applicant must be resident of the Memphis metropolitan area. The metropolitan area includes **Crittenden** County in Arkansas; **Benton, DeSoto, Marshall, Tate** and **Tunica** counties in Mississippi; plus **Fayette, Shelby** and **Tipton** counties in Tennessee.
- Applicant must not be child or relative of an employee of International Paper or the National Civil Rights Museum.
- Two winners will be selected in the 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade category and two in the 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade category.
- Past winners of the Keeper of the Dream award are not eligible to win.
- Recommendations may not be made by a relative or family member of the student.
- The applicant's parent or guardian must sign a media release and give International Paper Keeper of the Dream application review committee permission to 1) confirm the student's school enrollment and 2) review the student's social media presence.

## Nomination Process

- Students are encouraged to submit applications by the deadline of Sept. 20, 2019 at 5p.m. Central Time via the following: [Keeper of the Dream Application](#)
- Students can also be nominated via the following: [Keeper of the Dream Nomination](#)



- **Student Applicants:** Please be prepared to answer the following questions when applying for the Keeper of the Dream Award:
  - Date of birth
  - Email
  - Address
  - Phone
  - Parent or guardian/phone/email
  - School/grade
  - Submit up to two 150-200 word recommendation letters that describes the act of courage, compassion or leadership that you demonstrated that showed a commitment to ensuring equal rights and compassion for others. We ask that the letters are specific and describe any obstacles that you may have faced during the course of your service.
  - List organizations you have served
  - Submit a 250 word personal statement that describes the act of courage, compassion, or leadership that you demonstrated that showed a commitment to ensuring equal rights and compassion for others
  - Any optional additional documentation that supports your application (awards, certificates, etc).
  - Provide hours served or schedule of service
  - Certify recommendation is not a relative
  
- An award application review committee from the sponsoring organizations will review applications and select finalists in each age group category. Award recipients will be notified by October 1.
  
- The award recipient, and parent or legal guardian must 1) sign a photo release, 2) confirm recipient's good standing at currently enrolled school, and 3) acknowledge that International Paper will review the recipient's social media presence to finalize award eligibility.

### **Keeper of the Dream Recipient Award**

- Recognition at the Freedom Award Student Forum on October 30, 2019
- \$500 monetary award
- Award trophy
- One-year family membership for family of five to the National Civil Rights Museum

For more information on the Keeper of the Dream Award and to view 2018 award recipients, please visit [civilrightsmuseum.org/student-forum](http://civilrightsmuseum.org/student-forum).

**If you have any questions regarding the award or process, please contact:**

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