

City and County of San Francisco  
**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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Executive Director



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**2015 HERO AWARD NOMINATION/APPLICATION FOR:  
STUDENTS**

*In Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery Marches and the 1965 Voting Rights Act*

**Sponsor:** This award is sponsored by the Equity Advisory Committee (“EAC”) of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (“HRC”). EAC is charged with alerting and making timely recommendations on human rights-related issues affecting the citizens of San Francisco, including issues related to equity for all of San Francisco’s diverse communities. Each year, through the HERO Awards, EAC recognizes community leaders and organizations that have enhanced their respective communities through promoting and advancing human rights for all people.

**Eligibility:** This award is available to any individual that has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion and protection of civil rights in San Francisco. This can be exemplified in the following ways:

- Involvement and leadership in assisting people to exercise their constitutional right to vote;
- Significant contribution in the field of civil rights, including guarding against discrimination in public accommodations;
- Been on forefront of causes working to ensure and protect constitutional rights in public education;
- Maintained a sustained commitment and given exceptional service to preventing discrimination in federally assisted programs;

**Application Checklist**

- Completed “General Application” (attached).
- Completed and signed “Release Form” (attached)

**Submitting Your Entry: A complete application must be received by the HRC by 5 pm on July 24, 2015.** Materials may be emailed to Zoë Polk at [zoe.polk@sfgov.org](mailto:zoe.polk@sfgov.org) or mailed to:

San Francisco HRC  
ATTN: Zoë Polk  
25 Van Ness Avenue, Ste. 800  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Judging Process:** The winner of the 2015 HERO Award for Individual Leadership in Civil Rights Advocacy will be selected by a panel comprising of representatives from the EAC. The panel’s decision is final and no correspondence or appeals will be accepted.

**Awards Ceremony:** The 2015 winners will be announced at the Human Rights Awards Ceremony which will be held on August 6, 2015. More information about the Ceremony will be available at [www.sf-hrc.org](http://www.sf-hrc.org) in July 2015.

**2015 HERO Award General Application for  
STUDENTS**

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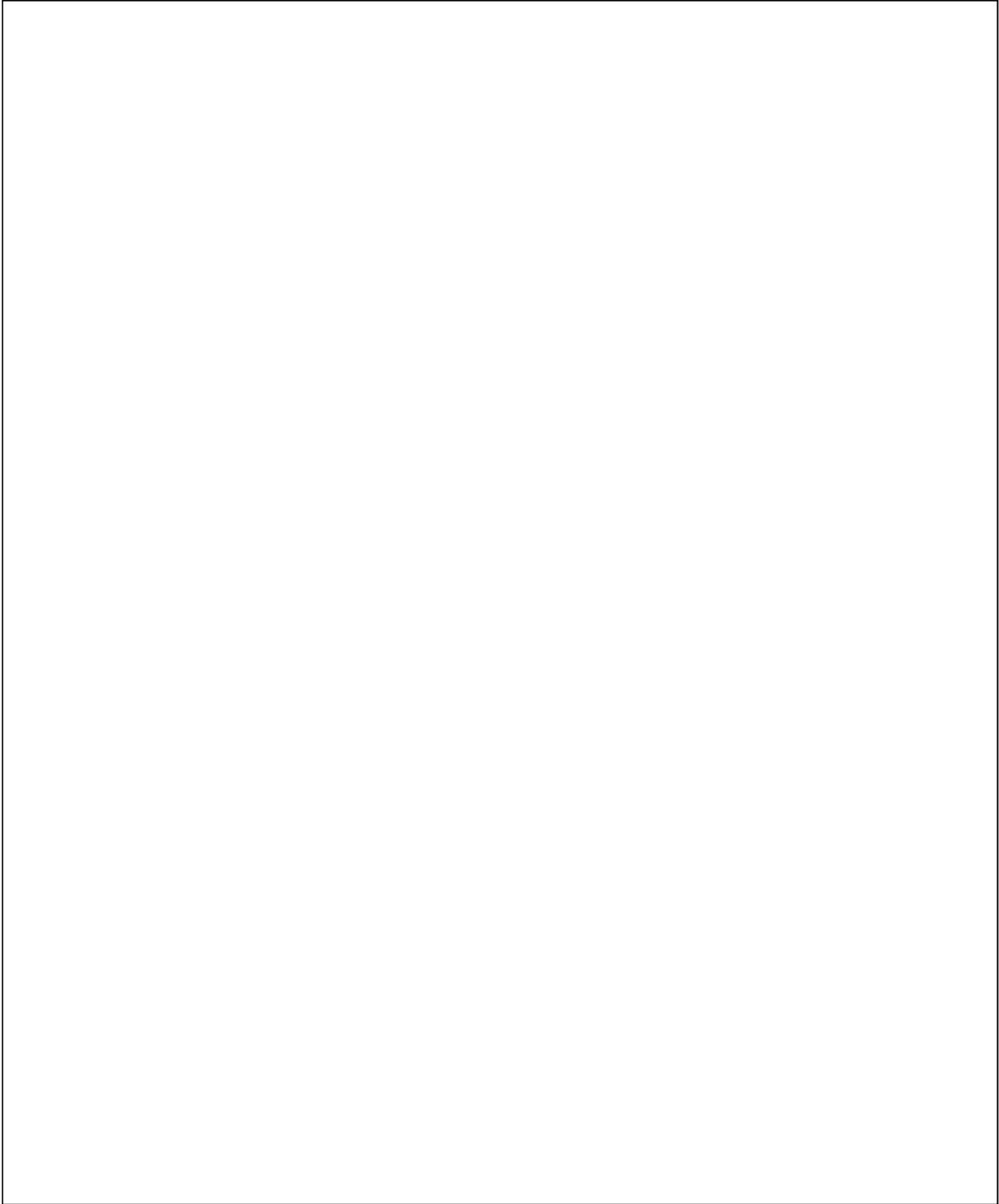
HRC will not publish or distribute any personal information, including mailing addresses, phone numbers and emails, disclosed in this application. All other information is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the attached Release Form.

Name of individual completing this application:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

Nominee Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

**In 1965, the Student NonViolent Coordinating Committee was instrumental in organizing the Selma to Montgomery Marches to achieve Voting Rights.**

- (A) What are your ideas for encouraging more youth to vote?
- (B) People have proposed voting on Saturdays and lowering the voting age from 18 years old to 16 years old in order to increase voter turnout. How can voting be made easier for all communities?
- (C) Why is it important to vote?



**2015 HERO Release Form  
(To be completed by Nominee)**

Nominee Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in exchange for the opportunity to participate in the 2015 HERO Awards sponsored by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission Equity Advisory Committee, hereby grant the City and County of San Francisco (the "City") and to the City's agents, contractors and assigns, in an unlimited, non-exclusive and irrevocable license, the right to use in whole or in part, screen, post, copy, display and distribute my name and responses to questions in this application ("Application") in all forms and media and in all manners as well as for any other City purpose, including but not limited to promotional uses.

I acknowledge that my Application shall become the City's property.

I also acknowledge that if the City selects my Application for publication, the City may modify, or edit the Application, in any manner and in its sole discretion.

I agree that I will not make any claims against the City arising out of its use of my Application in connection therewith and that I am not entitled to any compensation for the use of my name or Application.

I, (Parent or Guardian Name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant permission for my son/daughter/ward (Child's Name) \_\_\_\_\_, who is under 18 years of age, to participate in the 2015 San Francisco Human Rights Commission HERO Awards.

I am at least 18 years old. I have read this release and understand its contents.

Nominee/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_