

2025 African American Living Legend Award Call for Nominations

This is a call for Nominations. County Executive Marc Elrich will host the Annual African American Living Legend Awards to honor distinguished individuals who are living legends in Montgomery County. The award and recognition program was created to recognize elders in the black community who contribute to making the community better without request or expectation of recognition or notoriety.

Nominations are open to members of the African American community who are at least 75 years of age and have helped shape the cultural heritage of the African American community. The honorees have dedicated their lives to service and excellence, with accomplishments in business, health, media, sports, education, law, ministry, community organizations, medicine, or the arts.

The nomination deadline is June 1st and should include a narrative of not more than two pages explaining why the nominee should be honored. Please include a list of their contributions to the greater community as a separate document. Nominations can be emailed to james.stowe@montgomerycountymd.gov or mailed to Montgomery County Office of Human Rights/African American Living Legends Nomination/ 21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 330/Rockville, Maryland 20850.

The awards presentation will be held on Friday, June 20th, at 7:00 p.m., at BlackRock Center for the Arts. It will be the first of a two-day event celebrating the County's Juneteenth program. The Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological & Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) students of the Montgomery County NAACP Branch are expected to perform as part of the presentation.

The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, the Human Rights Commission, and the African American Advisory Group are sponsoring this program.

Questions and other information can be addressed by emailing James Stowe at: james.stowe@montgomerycountymd.gov