

# 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 Oct. 17, 2018. 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 2018 Student Forum and Public Forum.

## **Award Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must not have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before Oct. 17, 2018.
- 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.
- 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 grades 6-8 category and two in the 9-12 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.
- Student parent or guardian must sign a media release, give International Paper Keeper of the Dream application review committee permission to confirm student school enrollment and review of the student social media presence.

## **Process:**

- Students are encouraged to submit applications by the deadline of Sept. 8, 2018 at 5p.m. central via the following [Keeper of the Dream Nomination Form](#)
- **Application Questions:**
  - Date of birth
  - Email
  - Address
  - Phone
  - Parent or guardian/phone/email
  - School/grade
  - Submit 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 been faced during the course of your service.

- List organizations you have served
- 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 finalists will be allowed to submit a 250 word essay.
- Student parent or guardian must sign photo release, and confirm child's good standing at currently enrolled school and acknowledge that International Paper will review the nominee's social media presence to finalize award eligibility by September 29.

**Award Recipient Receive:**

- \$500 monetary award
- Award trophy
- One-year family membership for family of five to the National Civil Rights Museum.

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

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