

## 2010 Nathaniel A. Harper Award Call for Nominations

Last year, the KBA YLS awarded the inaugural Nathaniel A. Harper Award to the Law and Government Program at the Central High School Magnet Career Academy in Louisville. The Award is a trailblazer award that seeks to recognize those individuals or entities who have demonstrated a commitment to changing the face of the Bar in Kentucky by promoting full and equal participation in the legal profession through the encouragement and inclusion of women, minorities, persons with disabilities, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community and/or other underrepresented groups.

The Award is named after Nathaniel R. Harper, one of the first two African-Americans to be admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Because African-Americans were excluded from law schools in the Commonwealth at the time of Harper's admission, he established the Harper Law School in his law office, where he trained and helped produce several African-American lawyers. It is Harper's pioneering spirit and sense of responsibility to pave the way for others that the Award seeks to honor.

The YLS Diversity Committee is looking for nominees for this year's Outstanding Nathaniel A. Harper Award. If you know of an individual or entity deserving of recognition for their efforts to increase diversity in the Commonwealth, please complete the nomination form. **Completed nomination forms must be received no later than April 15, 2010.**

During the 2010 KBA Annual Convention, June 17-18 in Lexington, Kentucky, the Outstanding Nathaniel A. Harper Award recipient will be announced and the Award will be presented at the Young Lawyers Section Luncheon on Thursday, June 17, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Renner at (859) 367-3741.

Stephanie Renner,  
YLS Diversity Committee Chair

## APPLICATION FORM FOR 2010 NATHANIEL A. HARPER AWARD

Completed applications must be **received** no later than **April 15, 2010**, and can be mailed to Stephanie Renner, American Founders Bank, Inc., 318 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507, or sent as an attachment by e-mail to [srenner@afbusa.com](mailto:srenner@afbusa.com) . On April 16, we will forward all completed applications to the judges who will select the 2010 Nathaniel A. Harper Award recipient.

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### **I. PERSONAL DATA** ( to be completed for individual nominees)

#### **A. General**

1. Name
2. Age
3. Year of admittance to the Kentucky Bar

#### **B. Firm/Employer**

1. Name
2. Address
3. Work telephone
4. Email Address
5. Website or blog (if applicable)

#### **C. Law school**

1. Name of law school attended
2. Year of graduation

**D. Please attach a copy of the nominee's current resume.**

**E. Please attach a recent photograph. (optional)**

**II. ENTITY DATA (to be completed for entity nominees)**

**A. General**

1. Name of entity
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Email address
5. Website or blog (if applicable)

**B. Individuals responsible for diversity activities**

1. Name and title of each individual
2. Description of how each individual contributes to the diversity activities

**C. Relationship to the legal profession**

Please describe the entity's relationship to or involvement with the legal profession.

**III. INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN THE PROFESSION (complete all that are applicable)**

**A. Description (please attached an addendum if needed)**

1. For how many years has the individual or entity been actively promoting diversity or for how many years has the specific nominated project or program been operating (if applicable)?
2. What has been the program or initiative's impact (e.g. number of persons who have participated or received benefits; has the program or initiative served as a model for other programs; is the program likely to become a model) and is there a plan in place to keep the program going?
3. Describe how the individual or entity's approach to increasing diversity is innovative.

4. Describe how the individual has, through his or her own achievements, paved the way for diverse attorneys in the profession, including any obstacles the individual overcame to reach his or her goals.
5. For an individual, describe any professional or personal sacrifice he or she has had to make for their efforts.
6. Has the individual or entity previously been recognized for contributions to diversity by others in the field, if so, what was the type of recognition and when was it received?

**B. Supporting Materials**

Please attach any supporting materials. These may include newspaper clippings, press releases and other publicity that describe the nominee's contribution to diversity in the profession.

**C. Letters of Support**

A maximum of three letters of support from other individuals or organizations knowledgeable about the nominee's contributions are welcome.

**IV. CONCLUSION**

1. Overall, why is this candidate the best qualified to be named the Nathaniel A. Harper Award recipient?
2. If the candidate was nominated by someone else, please list that individual's name, business address and business telephone and his or her relationship (for example, employer) to the candidate.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COMPLETED APPLICATION CANNOT EXCEED TWENTY (20) PAGES, INCLUDING REFERENCES. APPLICATIONS EXCEEDING TWENTY (20) PAGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**