



# YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

## NATHANIEL R. HARPER AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Nathaniel R. Harper Award is a trailblazer award that seeks to recognize those individuals or organizations that 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 for Nathaniel R. Harper, one of the first African-Americans to be admitted to practice law in 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.

Completed nomination materials must be received no later than **Monday, April 2, 2012**. Materials should be mailed to Adrienne Godfrey Thakur, YLS Diversity Committee Chair, Henry Watz Gardner & Sellars, PLLC, 401 West Main Street, Suite 314, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, or sent as an email attachment to [agthakur@hwgsq.com](mailto:agthakur@hwgsq.com).

The Nathaniel R. Harper Award recipient will be honored at the KBA Convention, June 6-8, 2012 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Award will be presented at the KBA Membership luncheon on Friday, June 8 during the Convention. If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Godfrey Thakur at [agthakur@hwgsq.com](mailto:agthakur@hwgsq.com) or (859) 253-1320.

**(These questions should be answered on separate pages.)**

**I. PERSONAL DATA** (to be completed for nominees who are individuals)

**A. General**

1. Name:
2. Age:
3. Year admitted to Kentucky Bar:
4. Firm or Employer Name:
5. Address:
6. Telephone:
7. Email Address:
8. Website or blog:

**B. Education**

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

**C. Attach a current resume or curriculum vitae.**

**D. Attach a recent photograph** (optional).

**II. ENTITY DATA** (to be completed for nominees that are entities)

**A. General**

1. Name of entity/organization:
2. Address:
3. Telephone:
4. Name and email address of contact:
5. Website or blog:

6. List names and titles of individuals responsible for diversity activities:
7. Describe how each individual contributes to organization's diversity activities.

**B. Relationship to Legal Profession**

1. Describe the entity's relationship to or involvement with the legal profession.

**III. INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN THE PROFESSION**

**A. Description**

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**

1. 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**

1. No more than three letters of support from other individuals or organizations knowledgeable about the nominee's contributions are welcome but not required.

**IV. CONCLUSION**

Overall, why is this candidate the best qualified to be named the Nathaniel R. Harper Award recipient?

If the candidate was nominated by someone else, please list that individual's name, business address and business telephone and his or her relationship to the candidate.