



Iowa Juneteenth Observance

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2011 Iowa Juneteenth Mary McLeod Bethune Award Nomination Form (Educator of the Year)

The Iowa Juneteenth Observance is a state holiday, officially observed annually on the third Saturday of June, commemorating the end to slavery and the on-going progress of African Americans. A major recognition of the Iowa Juneteenth Observance is the “Educator of the Year”, who will receive our **Mary McLeod Bethune Award**. Mary McLeod Bethune was a pioneer in the field of education, particularly known for her work with African American youth. This award is presented to an African American educator in Iowa who has demonstrated similar pioneering work with youth.

Organizations and individuals may submit nominees to our Education Committee, which will be considered in the selection process. **The Eta Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, has volunteered to oversee the selection process and award presentation. Nominations are welcomed.**

****Please read all of the nomination materials before completing the nomination form.***

First and last name of person being nominated:

Complete Street address:

City/State/Zip code:

Area Code/Telephone number:

Name of contact person making the nomination:

Email address (optional):

Contact person’s Area code/Telephone number:

Has the ‘nominee’ been notified that they are being nominated? ____yes ____no

Please mail completed nomination materials, **postmarked by April 22, 2011**, to:

**Connect Foundation
Iowa Juneteenth King & Queen
P. O. Box 65204
West Des Moines, IA 50265**

****You may also email the nomination materials, by April 22, 2011, to Terence Manning, Education Committee Chair, at primetime21@live.com***

Past recipients of the Mary McLeod Bethune Award (Educator of the Year)

- 2006 Dr. George Jackson (Ames) – Iowa State University
- 2007 Dr. Daniel Robinson (Ankeny) – Iowa State University
- 2008 Marlene Doby (Des Moines) – Evelyn K. Davis Early Learning Academy
- 2009 *No award presentation*
- 2010 Dr. Vincent Lewis (Des Moines) – Des Moines Public Schools

Use the space below to explain why you are nominating the person to receive the Mary McLeod Bethune Award.