

**Michigan Hispanic Caucus**  
**P.O. Box 10217**  
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In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into Public Law (P.L. 100-402) proclaiming September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>, of each year as Hispanic Heritage Month. This proclamation commemorates the contributions made by Hispanics throughout history.

It is through hard work, and the bipartisan efforts of the caucus, that Hispanic Heritage Month has been celebrated annually at the Capitol since 1999. Today, the Michigan Hispanic Legislative Caucus is known as the Michigan Hispanic Caucus and continues the tradition of celebrating the Hispanic culture.

**This year's celebration will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the State Capitol.** The day's events will begin at 9 a.m. with a variety of activities that include an informative and exciting youth program at Lansing Community College. The Michigan Hispanic Caucus will also host a culturally enriched luncheon on the Capitol lawn at 11:30am. In addition, an evening celebration will be held in Lansing at 5:00 p.m. At the evening celebration, the Michigan Hispanic Caucus will recognize outstanding Hispanics throughout the State of Michigan in the areas of business/economic development, advocacy, education, lifetime achievement, the fine arts, as well as provide scholarships and savings bonds for essay contest winners.

The Michigan Hispanic Caucus invites you to submit a nomination for the recipients of these awards by filling out the attached form. Nomination forms are due no later than Monday, September 21, 2009. The award winners will be notified by Friday, September 25, 2009. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Vicky Garcia at the Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs at (517) 373-8339. Forms are also available on line at: [www.michigan.gov/cossa](http://www.michigan.gov/cossa).

Sincerely,



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**2009 OUTSTANDING HISPANIC LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

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The Michigan Hispanic Caucus is seeking nominations of Hispanic leaders in the following categories:

- **Arts-** Individuals and/or organizations that promote the fine arts through various cultural outlets i.e. visual, literary, theater, dance and/or music.
- **Business/Economic Development-** An individual and/or organizations that contributes to the economic growth of our community.
- **Hispanic Advocate-** An individual and/or organization that gives of their personal time to encourage, advance and advocate for the betterment of the Hispanic community.
- **Hispanic Educator-** An individual and/or organization that promotes higher education in the Hispanic community.
- **Lifetime Achievement-** An individual that has selflessly devoted their life towards promoting the Hispanic culture, advocating for inclusion, and bettering the community.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**Deadline: Monday, September 21, 2009**

The Michigan Hispanic Caucus will evaluate all applications received by the deadline. Applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, September 21, 2009. The applications will be reviewed for completeness and then evaluated for eligibility. **The award winners will be notified by Friday, September 25, 2009.**

### **Presentation of Awards:**

The 2009 recipients will be honored at an evening celebration on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at the Causeway Bay Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn South) in Lansing. The reception will begin at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm. Awardees will receive two complimentary tickets. Additional tickets are \$35.

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**2009 HISPANIC LEADERSHIP APPLICATION**

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Please use this nomination form for the following categories: Arts, Business/Economic Development, Hispanic Advocate, Hispanic Educator, and Lifetime Achievement.

**Section 1. Information on Nominee:**

Award Nominated for: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s):

Home:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Work:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Cell:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Section 2. Nominating individual and/or organization:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Work:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Cell:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3. Community Involvement**

Describe the nominee's involvement in the Hispanic community (e.g. committees, projects, organizations, etc.)

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**Section 4. Previous Awards and Recognitions**

Briefly describe any awards or recognitions received by the nominee.

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**Section 5. Community Service**

Describe community service performed by the nominee.

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**Section 6. Comments**

Feel free to provide any additional supportive comments for the nominee’s application.

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**NOTE: Please attach as much documentation as possible (e.g. letters of recommendation, copies of certificates/awards, news paper clippings, copies of publications authored or co-authored by the nominee, etc.) to illustrate the statements made under items 3, 4, 5 and 6, of this form. The Awards Selection Committee will rely on the information provided for each nominee to make a final selection.**

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have submitted for this application is correct and complete.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit this application and all required materials by Monday, September 21, 2009**

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