



2026 Dr. Martin Luther King Community Service Award

An integral part of the University of Central Missouri’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration held each year in January is the presentation of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., High School Community Service Award.

These awards are presented jointly by the Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the UCM Center for Multiculturalism and Inclusivity. The 2024 awards will be presented **Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026**, at the Chamber’s MLK Community Service Awards luncheon at **First United Methodist Church, 141 E Gay Street** in Warrensburg.

Nominees for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award may be any person from throughout the Warrensburg area, including community members, UCM students, faculty and staff. Previous recipients of the MLK awards may not be nominated a second time.

Nominees should possess one or all of these qualities:

Humanitarianism: Exhibiting the ethics of kindness, benevolence and sympathy extended impartially to all human beings by improving the quality of life of individuals or groups through actions that promote ethical standards for social reform and a demonstrated commitment to humanitarian activities and philanthropic endeavors.

Leadership: Evidence of actions that have led ethnically diverse groups toward a common goal that promotes positive change in the community and creates a sense of unity in a diverse community or organization.

Service: Selfless involvement in activities that provide a necessary service to a community or group of individuals.

Recipients of the award will be selected at the discretion of the awards selection committee, based upon information provided with the submitted nomination. Recipients will be notified and will be the guests of the Chamber of Commerce and UCM at the luncheon. **Nominators must confirm that nominees will be able to attend the luncheon if selected to receive the award.** Media coverage of the event will be provided.

Nominations may be submitted:

- by using the attached form and 1) mailing it to Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce, 100 S. Holden, Warrensburg, MO 64093; or emailing it to kdavenport@warrensburg.org
- More information, including a list of past award recipients, is at ucmo.edu/mlk. Please submit nominations by **Friday, Dec. 12, 2025**.

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Nomination Form

Nominated individual or organization_____

Nominee's address or location_____

Name of nominator_____

Street address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Telephone_____ Email _____

Please include below or attach a statement with the qualifications of the individual or organization being nominated. **Cite any or all of the qualities described, as they apply to your nomination. Please be specific regarding actions by the nominee that qualify that individual or organization for nomination.** Attach additional pages if needed.

Nominees and nominators will be notified of the selection of the recipient. Please submit all nominations by **Friday, Dec. 12, 2025.**