



2018 Maria C. Sánchez Awards Nomination

The Connecticut Institute for Community Development (CICD) Puerto Rican Parade, Inc. will celebrate the 2018 Maria C. Sánchez Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 31, 2018 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Hilton Hotel in Hartford.

The awards ceremony provides an opportunity for the Hispanic community to recognize outstanding individuals who have helped our neighborhoods to flourish in the areas of leadership, education, community empowerment, cultural enrichment, and activism.

This is your opportunity to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of a local leader or organization by submitting a nomination for one of the following awards:

- Art and Culture
- Community Service
- Leadership

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Guidelines

Please read the awards descriptions and complete the Nomination Form accordingly. Send the form with supporting documents (nomination letter, nominee's bio and resume, up to two relevant newspaper clippings where applicable, and other relevant nomination materials) to:

CICD Puerto Rican Parade, Inc.
Attn: Awards Nominations
80 Cedar Street
Hartford, CT 06106

For questions, please email events@hartfordprparade.org

Nomination Deadline: February 16, 2018



NOMINATION FORM

Nominator's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator's relationship to nominee (friend, mentor, employer etc.):

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Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee's Website (if available): _____

Nomination Category: _____

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Please attach a *one-page* nomination letter that includes the following information (one nomination letter per form):

1. Why is the individual being nominated for this award?
2. Describe the specific accomplishments that have distinguished the nominee in their work.
3. What are the motivation factors for the nominee's work? Why are they doing what they do?
4. What was the impact of the nominee's work?
5. Describe how the nominee's work has had substantial impact on the Puerto Rican/Hispanic community.
6. Describe any significant obstacles overcome by the candidate.
7. Describe how the nominee has excelled in *more than one area* for the category he/she is being nominated.

Important:

- An individual or organization may receive more than one nominations.
- One nomination per category per person or organizations.
- Nominations will not be accepted after the due date.



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CATEGORIES

Arts & Culture

Recognizes an individual *or* organization for their dedication to preserving the history and promoting cultural awareness of the Puerto Rican heritage.

Nominees for the Maria C. Sánchez Art and Culture Award should demonstrate excellence in more than one of the following areas:

- Promotes knowledge in the field of Puerto Rican *cultural and artistic expressions* through research and policy to preserve cultural identity
- *Strengthens and expands art and cultural awareness* in efforts to maximize impact and influence locally, regionally, statewide
- Establishes a space for Puerto Rican art and cultural to be displayed or performed
- Offers educational art and culture programs to the community through collaboration, educating, mentoring, and facilitating further development
- Serves as the central support for organizations and or resource centers for Puerto Rican art and culture in efforts to support sustainability

Community Service

Recognizes an individual or organization for their outstanding dedication and service above and beyond the call of duty for the improvement of the Puerto Rican/Hispanic community, particularly in the areas of education, philanthropy, health, preservation, and the neighborhood.

Nominees for the Maria C. Sánchez Community Service award should demonstrate excellence in more than one of the following areas:

- *Empowers the community* and rallies for change
- Strong *advocate* for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic community
- *Has increased awareness and understanding* on the importance and value of community
- *Makes substantial contributions* to Hispanic youth leadership through programming
- Makes an impact on the cultural life of the community through *involvement with students* and the Puerto Rican/Hispanic community at large
- Maintains an active role in the community *by promoting its members to go above and beyond* paid employment in efforts to uplift the Puerto Rican/Hispanic community
- Strengthens and expands the Puerto Rican professional network



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Leadership

Recognizes an individual whose outstanding and impactful dedication to leadership and service is above and beyond the call of duty for the improvement of the Puerto Rican/Hispanic community. This individual has demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in their individual achievements and community impact.

Nominees for the Maria C. Sánchez Leadership award should demonstrate excellence in more than one of the following areas:

- Leads with various community partners in efforts to spread cultural awareness throughout the community that has impacted a particular neighborhood, school or organization
- Leads others in improving the quality of life in Hartford or Greater Hartford area to confront social problems, address environmental concerns, or promote arts and humanities within the Puerto Rican/Hispanic community
- Leads collaboratively with integrity while remaining grounded
- Promotes a clear vision for the future of the Puerto Rican/Hispanic community and actions that consistently reflect that vision
- Facilitates programming in the community in efforts to spread awareness about the Puerto Rican/Hispanic culture through various initiatives