

# THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

New Mexico State University  
Department of Government

Invites nominations and applications for the fifth annual

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

The Social Justice Award is intended to recognize and honor a member of the student body, staff or faculty at NMSU who has volunteered to help create a more just society. Forms of social justice activism might include efforts to eliminate disparities in economic conditions, to facilitate political involvement, to work against inequality and prejudice, to promote peace and nonviolence, or in some other fashion strive to make the community a better place for all. Previous recipients have engaged in such activities as community organizing, the advancement of tolerance, and the protection of free speech. Regardless of the contribution made, it must reflect a commitment of time, passion, and energy beyond one's employment or general activities as a student.

Applicants or nominators must describe in no more than one typed page how they or the person being nominated has impacted the local community through the promotion of social justice. The letter must describe, with concrete examples, the work done and how it has contributed to fostering a more just place to live. Letters of application and nomination are to be submitted to the Social Justice Award Committee, Department of Government, Breland Hall, Room 337, by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2007. Letters may be sent through campus mail, MSC 3BN, but must be received by the deadline. The person submitting the letter should provide appropriate contact information, including a current phone number. In addition, a copy of a resume or CV should be submitted if the person applying or being nominated is a member of the faculty or staff.

Applications and nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee composed mostly of individuals outside the Department of Government. The selection committee is empowered to select one or more awardees. Each person honored will receive a minimum of \$200, subject to university policies and procedures. As a condition of being selected, the recipient(s) must attend an awards ceremony scheduled for March 29, 2007, and might be asked to help in the promotion of the Social Justice Award in the future.

For more information about the Social Justice Award, contact Bill Taggart at 646-4935.