

**Submissions must be
postmarked by
December 31, 2009**

Please send seven collated
copies of the nomination
form and supporting materi-
als to:

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Nomination forms can be
obtained from the Eleanor
Roosevelt Center or
downloaded at:

www.ervk.org

The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill (ERVK) is a nonprofit organization that fully embraces Mrs. Roosevelt's call to build a better world through far-reaching programs that touch people worldwide—to be her heart, hand, and voice in realizing that better world.

Originally founded to preserve Mrs. Roosevelt's home in Hyde Park in 1977, today ERVK provides programs inspired by Mrs. Roosevelt's values and example. The Center is located on the grounds of the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site. ERVK has a unique partnership with the NPS and collaborates with them on special projects.

ERVK is committed to acting on Mrs. Roosevelt's belief that people can enhance the quality of their lives and the lives of those around them through purposeful action based on sensitive discourse among people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives on the varied needs of our society.

Eleanor Roosevelt was an extraordinary individual, acclaimed by many as the most important woman of the twentieth century. She defied stereotype. A complex woman in her private life, Eleanor Roosevelt struggled to adapt the cherished part of her heritage to an ever changing world. In the process, she not only redefined her life and changed American politics, but also presented the world with a new vision of peace and justice. Known as the First Lady of the World, Eleanor Roosevelt was a true statesman, diplomat, humanitarian and renowned author. She was a constant and forceful voice for the dignity and human rights of every person as evidenced by her role in the development of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.



**2010
Eleanor Roosevelt
Val-Kill Medals
Award**

The Eleanor Roosevelt
Center at Val-Kill

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

About the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medals Award

In 1987, The Eleanor Roosevelt Center created the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal to recognize exceptional people who embody Mrs. Roosevelt's spirit and legacy. The medal celebrates individuals and organizations of high ideals and courageous actions in their fields, who have made significant contributions to humanitarian efforts in their communities and/or around the world. Medalists will be considered from disciplines closely aligned with Eleanor Roosevelt's interests such as education, advocacy, social justice, and human rights—among others.

Nominations are welcomed from individuals and groups. Nominees must have made substantial and long-term contributions to human rights, education, social justice, the arts, diplomacy, humanitarian efforts, political equality and environmental issues.

A "substantial" contribution is considered to be one that demonstrates a level of dedication or achievement beyond that required or expected in the normal course of work. "Long-term" generally shall be considered to be at least 8-10 years.

The award will be presented at the 2009 Eleanor Roosevelt Medal Awards Ceremony on the grounds of the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park, NY.

Past Recipients include: Medalists:

2008

Majora Carter
Ruby Dee
Hudson River Housing
Kerry Kennedy
Susan Sarandon

2007

Cherie Blair
Pumla Gobodo-
Madikizela
Curtis Roosevelt
Scenic Hudson

2006

John S. Dyson
Helene D. Gayle, M.D.
Colette M. Lafuente
Gabe Pressman
Anne M. Tatlock

2005

M. Farooq Kathwari
Elayne Seaman
Harold A. Seaman
Kate Roosevelt Whitney
William D. Zabel

2004

Michael R. Bloomberg
Clara Lou Gould
Kitty Carlisle Hart
Ruth J. Simmons

2003

Joyce Ghee
Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.

Donald M. Stewart
Mike Wallace

2002

Eleanor Charwat
Bill Moyers
Judith Moyers
Sadaka Ogata
Franklin A. Thomas

2001

Dorothy I. Height
Mathilde Krim
Christopher Reeve
Joan Sherman
Jonah Sherman

2000

Ruth Cardoso
Emilie B. Dyson
Robert R. Dyson
Richard Gere
Jessye Norman

1999

Johnnetta B. Cole
Vartan Gregorian
Hannah C. Pakula
Martha Settle Putney
H. Peter Stern

1996

Dennis J. Murray
Her Majesty, Queen Noor
of Jordan
Lea Rabin
Frances S. Reese

1995

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Hamilton Meserve
Helen Meserve
Pete Seeger

1994

Marian Wright Edelman
Mary Lou Heissenbuttel
Lucille P. Pattison
Fred Rogers

1992

Edward Asner
Barbara Jordan
Jack A. McEnroe
Ethel C. Torgesen

1991

John Chancellor
Mary Hart Keeley
Norman Vincent Peale
John C. "Chips" Quinn

1990

Hamilton Fish, Jr.
Schuyler M. Meyer
Cynthia Parsons
Marie N. Tarver

1989

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Esther Peterson
Father Bruce Ritter
Rabbi Erwin Zimet

1988

Mother Clara McBride Hale
Eugene M. Lang
Helen Hayes McArthur
Richard K. Wager

1987

Harry Belafonte
Trevor Ferrell
Celeste Holm
John E. Mack III
Jean Stapleton

Nomination and Selection Process

A nomination submission should include the following:

- I. **Nomination Form.**
The nomination form must be completed and submitted as the cover sheet of the nomination page.
- II. **Nomination Resume.**
The nomination package must include a resume or similar document that describes the candidate's background and achievements and other relevant activities.
- III. **Supporting Materials.**
The nomination package may include specific documentation and other materials, such as news articles, that illustrate the candidate's contributions. It may also include letters of support from other individuals or organizations knowledgeable about the candidate's contributions.

All nominations will be reviewed by the Eleanor Roosevelt Medal Award committee, comprised of five members selected by the Eleanor Roosevelt Center Board of Directors.