



AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE 2021 SIMON LAZARUS, JR., HUMAN RELATIONS AWARDS

CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

What are the criteria?

Simon Lazarus, Jr., Human Relations Award nominees exhibit integrity, reliability, creativity, and compassion in everyday activities, and who, in a group or individually, volunteer to:

- Help individuals and groups, especially during the worldwide pandemic
- Lead others to tackle society's problems
- Act to reduce prejudice, hate, intolerance

Students' Community Service efforts demonstrate:

- Sincerity
- Dependability
- Resourcefulness
- Impact

In 2020, we experienced unprecedented challenges and unique opportunities. Examples of what prospective nominees might have accomplished before or during this extraordinary year include, but are not limited to:

- Ran programs to benefit first responders, front line workers, military and/or their families
- Tutored students learning virtually
- Assisted families facing childcare, medical or food insecurities
- Eased the loneliness of isolated elderly
- Led holiday food drives
- Promoted understanding between other faiths, races, and cultures
- Combated racial injustice
- Spoke out on behalf of the homeless
- Worked with immigrants and their families
- Helped empower communities to register and vote in 2020 elections
- Raised funds for worthy causes

What is the selection process?

Nominees are assigned a confidential number and then screened anonymously. AJC volunteers select ten junior and ten senior semi-finalists. A panel of distinguished community leaders serving as judges then chooses a winner and four finalists from each class.

What are the prizes?

All nominees will receive a book and a certificate recognizing their accomplishment. Each school library will get the same book with a bookplate inscribed with the name(s) of its nominee(s). The winner and four finalists from each class will be awarded a cash prize. (\$750 for each winner; \$350 for each finalist)

DEADLINE: All documents must be received by Friday, February 12, 2021.