



State of Maine  
Office of the Secretary of State

SHENNA BELLOWS  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**John Lewis Youth Leadership Award**  
Nomination Form

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATOR:**

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**Information about the nominator**

Name (and job title/workplace if applicable):

Phone:

Email:

Relationship to nominee:

If this is not a self-nomination, how long have you known the nominee?

**Information about the nominee**

Name:

Age:

Phone:

Email:

High School/College (if applicable):

Affiliated Organizations:

**CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:**

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**Leadership:** The nominee in either formal or informal roles, demonstrates ability to influence others, empathy, and courage to confront challenges. As a leader, they work with their community, such as by involving community members in decision making, or keeping them informed, or ensuring that they have active part of their work.

**Commitment to Social Justice:** The nominee works for civil and human rights, such as the right to vote, fair access to resources and opportunities and freedom from discrimination and/prejudice.

**Improve Quality of Life:** The nominee helps people in their community or in specific groups by: increasing awareness of problems, identifying and/or promoting solutions, increasing access to food or other basic needs, education, healthcare, voting, transportation, and employment, and increasing social connections and feelings of belonging.

## QUESTIONS:

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1. What social justice issue(s) does the nominee work on? (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Poverty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety
<input type="checkbox"/>	Voting Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Racial Justice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender Equity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	LGBTQ+ Rights
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthcare (including reproductive rights)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Food/Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

2. What community(ies) (people or places) does the nominee advocate for or working with? *Examples: High school students, unhoused people, town of Princeton (250 words maximum)*

3. Describe how the nominee has tried or is trying to improve the quality of life in their community? Include in your description what activities have they done, or groups they belong to improve the lives of others. *(250 words maximum)*

4. Give one example of an important success that the nominee has had or an outcome they had a role in achieving. *(250 words maximum)*

5. Describe a challenge that the nominee has overcome. *(250 words maximum)*

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If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Secretary of State at the above email or at (207) 626-8400.