



**NAACP Bloomington-Normal Branch
Mr. Roy Wilkins Achievement Award and
Mr. Merlin Kennedy Community Service Award Nomination Forms**

Nominee Criteria & Nominations Process

Your help is needed to identify a pool of candidates for both the Roy Wilkins Award and the Merlin Kennedy Award. The goal is to choose one recipient per award.

The **Roy Wilkins Achievement Award** will be given to an individual whose service to the Branch has been exemplary; or to an organization who has been an exemplary resource for the Branch. The Roy Wilkins Award is the ultimate achievement of service. Carefully select a nominee based on the following criteria:

1. Must be a current member of the NAACP Bloomington-Normal Branch
2. Demonstrates a life-long dedication to the NAACP through service to the NAACP Bloomington-Normal Branch
3. Exemplifies the goals, objectives, and the mission of the NAACP through his/her service in the organization
4. Demonstrates leadership courage beyond the call of duty while serving as a member of the NAACP Bloomington-Normal Branch
5. Demonstrates commitment in aiding the Branch in accomplishing its goals and objectives in the community
6. Has served the Bloomington-Normal Branch in the spirit of excellence while dutifully serving NAACP Bloomington-Normal

The **Merlin Kennedy Community Service Award** will be given to an individual whose service to the community has been exemplary. The Merlin Kennedy Award was created to honor people in the community who are making a difference. Carefully select a nominee based on the following criteria:

1. Must live within McLean County (preferably live in the Bloomington-Normal area)
2. Dedicated time, talents, and service to the betterment of the Bloomington-Normal area through Community/Human Service efforts or organizations
3. Service activities have been primarily focused on promoting diversity and inclusion in the Bloomington-Normal area
4. Service has been dedicated to social-humanitarianism or socially impactful groups within the Bloomington-Normal area that deal in the areas of Economic Sustainability, Education, Health, Public Safety and Criminal Justice, Voting Rights and Political Representation, or Youth Engagement

Nominations Process:

- Nomination forms will be dispersed on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.
- Nomination forms are to be completed and submitted to our secretary by 5:00pm on Friday, August 14, 2026.
- Awards recipients will be selected and notified by Tuesday, August 18, 2026.
- Media release announcing awards recipients Friday, August 21, 2026.

Remember all nominations must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, **August 14, 2026.**

**Roy Wilkins Achievement Award &
Merlin Kennedy Community Service Award
Nomination Form – Due by August 14, 2026**

Name of Nominee: _____

Nomination (Please select an award):

☐ Roy Wilkins Achievement Award ☐ Merlin Kennedy Community Service Award

Nominee Contact Number: _____

Nominee Contact Address: _____

Nominee Contact Email: _____

Nomination Submitted By: _____

Contact Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Please attach a brief note of recommendation (500-1,000 words) & headshot/picture

Please outline how the candidate meets the required criteria

Return Nomination Form and Note of Recommendation to:

bnnaacp.secretary@gmail.com

For Office Use Only:

Received By: _____

Received Date: _____