

J. BLAINE BLAYTON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The J. Blaine Blayton Community Service Award was created in honor of Dr. J. Blaine Blayton, Sr., M.D. (1903-2002), the first African-American physician in Williamsburg, Virginia. A kind and compassionate man, he provided health care in his early career by traveling all over the Greater Williamsburg area. Dr. Blayton served as the first African-American on the WJC Board of Education, founded the 14-bed Blayton Hospital and was a life member of the NAACP. In the early 1950's, he realized that the African-American children in the community had no place to go for recreation, so he donated the lower floor of his Blayton Building as a place where they could safely gather, dance, play games and participate in other supervised recreational activities. In recognition of his unselfish and varied contributions to the community, the Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority named the senior citizens housing complex on Scotland Street in Dr. Blayton's honor; the Williamsburg Community Health Foundation has named a volunteer service award in his honor; and most recently, the WJC Public Schools named one of its newest schools in his honor: The J. Blaine Blayton Elementary School.

The YJCW-NAACP **J. Blaine Blayton Community Service Award** will be given to **an individual** who embodies the character, compassion and spirit of community service exhibited by Dr. J. Blaine Blayton, Sr., or to **an organization** that has exhibited those same qualities through their work.

General Guidelines/Criteria for the Selection of Award Recipient

- Recipient should live in or work in, or the organization should be focused in, the York-James City-Williamsburg area
- Recipient should exhibit the unselfish spirit of community service to others
- Recipient should be widely recognized for service to the community for a number of years
- Service should be far-reaching and/or have touched a wide range of people in the community
- Service could be through a variety of activities or a single passion
- Preferably, recipient should be a member of the NAACP.

Award Recipient Selection Process

- After review of the criteria, Branch members may nominate one or more individuals or organizations for consideration (see attached form)
- Nominations will be reviewed by the Life Membership Banquet Committee
- Banquet Committee, which includes the Branch President, will select award recipient
- Award recipient will be announced at the Annual Life Membership Banquet

J. BLAINE BLAYTON AWARD NOMINATION(S)

After careful review of the attached criteria, please nominate one or more individuals or organizations for consideration of this award. Write a brief description of why you think the person or organization is worthy of the award and attach to this cover page, along with any relevant supporting documents you feel are necessary. **Please submit nominations by April 7, 2017 to:**

YJCW-NAACP
479 McLaws Circle, Suite 3
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Or email: NAACP@yjcwnaACP.org

Nominee(s): _____

Nominated by: _____
(Signature)

Date: _____