



Iowa African American History Maker 2016 Nomination Form

The African American Museum of Iowa will honor African American men and women currently living in Iowa who have "made history" in our state at the annual History Makers Gala. A statewide Selection Committee will review all nominations and those selected as "History Makers" will be recognized during the Gala on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Nomination Deadline: April 4, 2016

Nominators must do the following to nominate an Iowa History Maker:

- a) Complete this nomination form.
- b) Briefly describe why the nominee should be considered a History Maker (a 250 words or less essay – p. 3).
- c) Include contact information for both the nominee and nominator (below).
- d) Submit a resume (or CV) or biographical statement for the nominee via email to LaNisha Cassell at lcassell@blackiowa.org (not to exceed 2 pages).

Optional: Nominators may also provide relevant supporting documents that total no more than five, one-sided pages (i.e., letters of support from individuals other than members of the immediate family, a newspaper article, samples of artwork, etc.). Each item should be labeled and numbered.

All nomination documents (including optional items, which may be scanned) should be also be emailed to LaNisha Cassell at lcassell@blackiowa.org.

Nominee Information *(Please provide NOMINEE contact information):*

Last Name:	First Name:	Email:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		

Years living in Iowa:

- 5-10 10-15 15-20 20-25 25-30 30+

Nominator Information *(Please provide YOUR contact information):*

Last Name:	First Name:	Email:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		



What is a History Maker?

A History Maker is an individual who, by their actions, modify the course of history; imparting knowledge and impacting the communities in which we live. Through their existence and influence, history is forever changed.

Characteristics of a History Maker include one or more of the following (nominations are rated based on these characteristics):

Trailblazer

An African American who initiated a first or showed innovation in their field and was instrumental in developing or enhancing a process that positively impacted the lives of Iowans.

Change Agent

An African American who has made an indelible mark on their community and who has changed the lives of people in their area forever.

Legacy Maker

An African American who has created a legacy or accomplished something that lives beyond them, or contributed to a legacy by passionately continuing an effort or participating in a movement.

Role Model

An African American who is an outstanding role model and someone whose character and accomplishments all people, regardless of race, age, or gender, can admire and emulate.

Why is your nominee a History Maker?

Please describe in a 250 words or less essay.

Please use the History Maker definition as a guide.

Only typed entries will be accepted.

Complete your answer on page 3.

