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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS **NMCS *SHINING STAR* (MID-CAREER) AWARD**

The coordinating team for the 2026 National Multicultural Conference & Summit (NMCS), themed “Reclaiming Our Stories: From Our Ancestors to Action” is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the ***NMCS Shining Star Award***, which was inaugurated during NMCS 2015. This award recognizes mid-career psychologists who demonstrate a strong interest in multicultural research, teaching, advocacy, policy, and/or clinical care. This award was created to recognize and support diverse professionals at a pivotal stage in their careers, offering encouragement and visibility for their continued impact. Nominees should embody the core principles of multicultural psychology and demonstrate a continued dedication to promoting culturally responsive practices, social responsibility, and systemic change within their field of expertise.

This is an open call, and four (4) awards will be given.

Who Is Eligible?

Eligible candidates must hold a doctoral degree (PhD, PsyD, or EdD) in psychology from an accredited institution in the U.S. or Canada. This award is intended for individuals who have made a significant and sustained impact in the field of multicultural psychology. Eligible candidates should have **more than 10 years but fewer than 30 years** of professional experience post-doctorate and/or currently hold the rank of Associate Professor or an equivalent professional position.

Required Nomination Materials

The selection committee will consist of members of the 2026 NMCS planning committee. Materials are evaluated on the basis of the candidate’s accomplishments and activities and their commitment to multicultural psychology topics and concerns.

- A complete nomination should include a cover page with the nominee's name, current place of work, and the name of the award (i.e., Shining Star Award). A cover letter from the nominator should outline the rationale for the nomination and highlight key aspects of the nominee’s professional focus. Primary consideration will be given to the quality, significance, and sustained contributions of the nominee’s work, with particular emphasis on candidates who have demonstrated a clear and long-standing commitment to the vision and principles of multicultural psychology. The review committee also values evidence of thoughtful, programmatic contributions that reflect the nominee’s lasting impact on the field.
- A current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee
- A statement (no more than 1 page) from the lead nominator outlining the nominee’s career goals and the specific objectives for the upcoming year, particularly as they relate to



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multicultural psychology.

- If applicable, links to samples of the nominee's work (e.g., articles, blogs, social media platforms, etc.) may be included to provide additional context or visibility into their contributions.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation that speak to the nominee's qualifications and impact.

Nomination Materials Checklist

1. Email subject line: Award Nomination_Shining Star Award
2. Cover Letter & Statement by the lead nominator
3. Candidate's Curriculum Vitae or Resume
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation
5. Any additional materials

Please **email** all nomination materials in **one PDF file** to Tina Lincourt, PhD, at tina.nmcs@gmail.com and Samantha LaMartine, PsyD, at samantha.nmcs@gmail.com (2026 NMCS Awards & Entertainment Coordinators) by September 19th, 2025, at 11:59 PM PST.