

# Call for Nominations

**Do you know a leader or advocate in your local school or community organization in Connecticut ...**

*... whose passion and will to support children and families of color is inspiring?*

*... whose committed and courageous leadership advances equitable outcomes?*

**The State Education Resource Center, in collaboration with the SERC Foundation, invite you to nominate that person for SERC's**

## **George A. Coleman Excellence in Equity Award**

SERC created this award to honor and highlight the demonstration of extraordinary acts of commitment and courage to ensure all students, especially students of color and culturally and linguistically diverse students, are valued and respected in their school experience.

**Award recipients will be selected based on their steadfast and unwavering action in:**

- Advocating for children and families of color;
- Galvanizing individuals and coalitions toward equitable action;
- Taking risks in conversation and action regarding issues of equity for racially, linguistically and culturally diverse groups;
- Engaging the diverse needs of members of an education community and reconciling them toward a shared vision; and
- Furthering the exchange of information that affects thinking and effects conviction on matters of equity.

**Nominations of students are encouraged.**

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND ENTRY FORM**

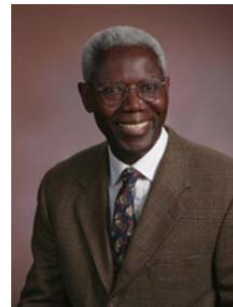
Nominators and awardees will be notified no later than **March 29, 2019** and invited to attend a recognition award celebration held on **Friday, April 26, 2019** in **Hartford**. Please submit completed nomination packages to SERC by **Friday, February 1, 2019** to the attention of:

Heather Dawes, Project Specialist  
SERC – 100 Roscommon Drive, Middletown, CT 06457  
or by e-mail – [dawes@ctserc.org](mailto:dawes@ctserc.org)

We look forward to receiving your nomination packages. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Heather at SERC, (860) 632-1485, ext. 263, or [dawes@ctserc.org](mailto:dawes@ctserc.org).



**Who is George A. Coleman?**



**George A. Coleman** has infused his values of equity and opportunity within all of his roles in Connecticut education. As an administrator at the CT State Department of Education (CSDE), including two appointments as Acting Commissioner, Mr. Coleman continuously advanced the truth that all children can learn. He has refused to accept educational disparities and has made the most of his positions to advocate for the highest opportunities for all students. Mr. Coleman has also been a critical partner with SERC in advancing an educational system that confronts the impact of racism among children of color and their families. In addition to Acting Commissioner, Mr. Coleman's other roles during his 24-year career at CSDE were Deputy Commissioner, Associate Commissioner, Chief of the Bureau of Curriculum and Teaching, and Chief of the Bureau of Early Childhood Education. Mr. Coleman retired from CSDE in October 2011 and has since joined the Boards of SERC and the SERC Foundation. He is currently a private contractor for Cooperative Educational Services in Trumbull.

**Nomination Entry Form**  
***George A. Coleman Excellence in Equity Award***

**Submission Deadline: Friday, February 1, 2019**

**A complete nomination package should include the following:**

1. Nomination Entry Form
2. Letter of Nomination (1 page limit) *\*Please include in the letter the nominator's relationship to nominee, contributions and areas of involvement of the nominee, and evidence of the impact of the nominee's work toward racially equitable outcomes.*
3. Biography of Nominee (1 page limit)
4. One Letter of Support (1 page limit) *\*Letter of support can be from schools, community organizations, or individuals who know of the nominee's active involvement; it should include specific examples and evidence of the impact and contribution made by the nominee to a local school and/or community organization because of their involvement and engagement.*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Community Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Position of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only**

*Packet complete?*

Yes

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

*No, missing the following:*

Completed Entry Nomination Form

Letter of Nomination (1 page limit)

Biography of Nominee (1 page limit)

One Letter of Support (1 page limit)