



Dr. Hector P. Garcia

Founder, American GI Forum
January 17, 1914 - July 26, 1996

DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA/FOUNDERS' AWARD: This award is presented in honor of the late Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Founder of the American GI Forum. Through his efforts the American GI Forum became the Champion of the Hispanic Veteran and their families, thus ensuring their Civil Rights under the Constitution of the United States.

The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Award is the highest recognition given by the American GI Forum of the United States. It recognizes the extraordinary commitment and extended service of ordinary people who by spectacular involvement, dedication, and perseverance have demonstrated extraordinary commitment, service or contribution to alleviate human suffering and improve the lot of disadvantaged individuals at all levels.

The award is given to volunteers, GI Forum members, community leaders, or any person who at great sacrifice to themselves and without regard for personal reward, have preformed services to the American GI Forum and to their communities above and beyond what was expected.

DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA AWARD CRITERIA

Without regard for personal sacrifice or reward this individual must have performed above and beyond what was expected of a Forumeer. Must stand head and shoulders above his peers in service to the Forum.

By spectacular involvement, dedication, and perseverance, this person must have demonstrated extraordinary commitment, service, contributions to alleviate human suffering and improve the lot of disadvantages individuals.

SELECTION OF HONOREE

- ▶ Decision of the Awards Committee is final. All entries must be received at the American GI Forum National Office on or before the first day of this National Conference. State Commanders may hand carry nominations and present them to the Committee Chair one day prior to the convening of the Awards Committee.
- ▶ All nominations must be complete in one package, when submitted. Separate letters and other accompanying statements and documents received later will not be considered.
- ▶ All material submitted may be used for publications.
- ▶ Do not submit scrap books, films, tapes, cassettes, etc.. Only written material on paper will be considered.
- ▶ All material submitted with the nomination form becomes the property of the American GI Forum of the United States and will not be returned.

Entries may be mailed to: AGIF-US National Office
635 W. Corona Ave. Suite 114,
Pueblo, CO 81004



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FOUNDER'S AWARD

1. Nominee - This is the name and address of the individual who is being recommended for the Dr. Hector P. Garcia/Founder's Award.
2. Nominator - This is the individual that is nominating another person for the Founder's award. The nominee and the nominator cannot be the same person.
3. Verification - List three (3) references, persons or organizations that are familiar with the accomplishments you are recommending the nominee for. References cannot be the candidate or any relatives of the candidate. Names and addresses must be valid in order to verify the scope and extent of the activities cited. A one page letter or statement from each reference should be attached to the application.
4. Testimonial - Attach a separate page or statement of no more than 1,000 words, which describe the volunteer activities the individual is being nominated for. Ensure that the criterion for the award is read carefully before making the recommendation.
5. All attachments should be on standard letter size paper.
6. Please submit the original and one copy, each with all attachments.

NOTE: Nominees should be limited to those individuals who have been members of the American GI Forum for a sufficient period of time that indicates commitment, volunteer service, and a history of serving the Forum. This does not preclude individual one-time projects of significant achievement that makes the individual deserving of the Founder's award. THE INTEGRITY OF THE AWARD MUST BE PRESERVED AT ALL TIMES.

DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

(See complete instructions on other pages)

I. Nominee: (Please print or type)

NAME:	AREA CODE & TELEPHONE:		
STREET ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP

II. Nominator:

NAME:	AREA CODE & TELEPHONE:		
STREET ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:

III. Verification:

List the names and addresses of three persons or organizations familiar with the accomplishments of the nominee, not including the candidate, or relatives. These references will be contacted to verify the scope and extent of the nominee's activities. All nominees MUST have three references.

1. NAME:	AREA CODE & TELEPHONE: HOME		
DAYTIME PHONE:			
STREET:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:

2. NAME:	AREA CODE & TELEPHONE: HOME		
DAYTIME PHONE:			
STREET:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:

3. NAME:	AREA CODE & TELEPHONE: HOME		
DAYTIME PHONE:			
STREET:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:

IV. Testimonial

Attach a page with a statement of no more than 1,000 words, which describes the volunteer activities of the individual being nominated. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION ON PAGE 2 BEFORE COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT. Emphasize projects initiated by nominee and the outcome. Supporting documentation may be attached. Keep in mind that materials will be photocopied for committee review.