

2009 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AWARD

Criteria

Purpose

To give national recognition to an **organization, church or individual** who has demonstrated leadership in defending and extending God-given religious liberty for all.

Frequency of Award Presentation

The Religious Freedom Award will be presented by National Ministries each biennium. The recipient will receive an engraved plaque and a cash award of \$500.

Requirement

The **organization, church or individual** receiving this award must be related to American Baptist Churches USA.

Specific Criteria

- Advancement of the free exercise of religion in the U.S.
- Defense of the principle of church-state separation
- Application of Christian commitment to the life of the nation.
- Supporting the enactment of good law, embodying high ethical standards and equal justice for all citizens.
- Consistent commitment to the Biblical witness to freedom of conscience under God and the dignity of the individual.
- Defense of the rights of all citizens with no prejudice of belief or non-belief.
- Emulating personal or organizational character and spirituality that is consistent with the Christian truth evidenced in Jesus Christ.

Selection Process

In November 2008, the Recognition and Awards Committee of the Board of National Ministries will review the nominations and select a recipient to recommend to the full Board. Following the vote of the Board, the recipient will be notified. All those making nominations for this award will also receive the name of the chosen recipient. Those nominees not selected will receive a certificate of recognition.

Nomination Deadline - Oct. 17, 2008

(must include nomination form, a statement of no more than 1000 words, and three items of supporting material)

- By U.S. mail - must be postmarked by Oct. 17, 2008 - National Ministries, Attn: Susan Bogle, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
- By fax - must be faxed by Oct. 17, 2008 - Susan Bogle at 610-768-2470
- By e-mail - must be sent by Oct. 17, 2008 - sbogle@abc-usa.org
- On-line – must be sent by Oct. 17, 2008

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