

Mary & Gary

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**SOCIAL
JUSTICE
AWARD**



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ELIGIBILITY & GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Mary and Gary Becker Social Justice Award is the first annual award given to a project or ministry, led by a JustFaith Ministries graduate or group of graduates, that has created social change.

The goal of the award is twofold: 1) to recognize those who work for compassion and justice, and 2) and to financially support their project or ministry that has impacted the community, state, nation, or world. All award funds will directly support the project or ministry.

The award recipient will be announced at a ceremony on Sept 23rd at 7:00pm EST via Zoom in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary Celebration of JustFaith Ministries.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- All JustFaith Ministries (JFM) program graduates except Board Members and Board Emeritus are eligible to apply. A graduate is any person who has completed a JFM program (the 24-week JustFaith program or any 8-session program).
- Only one application can be submitted per project or ministry.
- The award recipient (project or ministry) cannot reapply in subsequent years.
- The project or ministry must be active and ongoing (currently in operation).

GENERAL GUIDELINES

WHAT DOES THE APPLICATION REQUIRE?

- Completed online application on our [website](#)
- A letter of recommendation
- A written narrative
- Signed terms and conditions agreement
- A photo of the project or ministry in action (If applicable)
- A logo for the organization or parent organization associated with the project or ministry (If applicable)
- A short video (finalists only). The JFM staff and videographer will assist with this video.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

- Applicants must fill out the online application on our [website](#). Applicants must also upload their letter of recommendation, the narrative, a photo on the project or ministry, and a logo at the same time.
- Applications must be received by June 14th, 2021. There will be no exceptions or extensions.
- The finalists will each create a short video capturing the story of their project/ministry. The JFM staff and videographer will assist with this video. A complete list of guidelines and expectations for this video will be provided to each finalist. The videos are due on July 30th, 2021.
- A representative of the finalists must attend the ceremony on September 23rd, 2021 at 7:00pm EST via Zoom.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

HOW ARE THE FINALISTS AND AWARD RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

- Three finalists will be chosen by the Selection Committee based exclusively on the information provided in their applications.
- Finalists will be announced on July 6th, 2021.
- Finalists' videos and their written narratives will be released to the JFM community for voting on September 1st, 2021.
- Everyone is invited to vote once through the JFM Network by September 20th, 2021. Individuals can submit only one vote. The decision of the final vote will prevail. JFM will require voting through the Network to encourage a secure voting process.
- Information about how to join the JFM Network will be available on the Gary & Mary Becker Social Justice Award website.

WHAT ARE THE AWARDS

- First place will receive \$4,000
- Second place will receive \$1,500
- Third place will receive \$500
- All monies will be awarded to a nonprofit or church affiliated with the project or ministry. The monies are to be earmarked for the project or ministry.

NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

An important part of the Mary and Gary Becker Awards application is the crafting of the narrative. The narrative is essentially the story you would like to tell about the project or ministry being nominated through the lens of the JustFaith graduate's experience. The narrative must be between 1000-1750 words and submitted with the application. Below are a few of the ingredients that should be considered in the writing. You are welcome to add to the list below, but be sure to address each question below in your narrative. The narrative will be considered for the purpose of determining the winning entries.

NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NARRATIVE?

- Overview
 - Describe the project or ministry that you would like to have considered for the Mary and Gary Becker Award.
 - How did it come to be? Include a brief history of its genesis and evolution.
- Impact
 - How has the project benefited others? Give specific examples. If possible, include a quote or quotes from someone benefiting from the project or ministry.
 - How many lives has the project or ministry impacted?
 - What are the long-term impacts?
- Engagement
 - How has the project or ministry impacted the local community?
 - Has the project or ministry invited and involved volunteers from the community? Share some examples.
 - How are those served involved in the decision-making or leadership?
- Sustainability
 - Are there funding sources in place to sustain the project or ministry?
 - Is there is a strategy in place for hiring staff or recruiting volunteers to see the project or ministry continue?
 - Describe how the award funds would help the project or ministry.
- JFM graduate(s) involvement
 - Provide some history of the JFM graduates involved in the project or ministry.
 - Give some sense of the impact of a JustFaith Ministries program on the nominee's commitment to the project or ministry.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS

The letter of recommendation is a short statement by a friend or partnered organization of the applicant. Ideally, this would be a leader who can lend credibility to your application and should be someone outside of the project or ministry that is being nominated. The letter should affirm the content of your application and recommend the project/ministry for the award. It should include the name, phone number, and email address of the letter writer.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All submissions (written, visual and video) are property of JustFaith Ministries.
- The narrative will not only be considered for the purpose of determining the winning entries but will also be considered for a compilation that could be put into book form and/or used for other JustFaith Ministries promotions.
- All award monies must be allocated to the project or ministry.
- Within the first 6 months of receiving the award monies, applicants must send JustFaith Ministries (info@justfaith.org) a short paragraph with information on how the funds will be used to advance the project or ministry.