

## The 2026 EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD REFERENCE FORM

*Reference Form Deadline: Email completed form to [dos@easternct.edu](mailto:dos@easternct.edu) by 11:59pm, February 2nd, 2026*

**To the Evaluator:** The student who requested completion of this reference form has applied for an Equity & Social Justice Award, which recognizes three undergraduate students from across academic disciplines, who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to social change and fostering a culture of inclusivity. In the space below, please provide a candid and analytical assessment of the applicant's pursuit of equity and justice on campus and in the local community.

*The Equity & Social Justice Awards are comprised of three awards, including:*

**The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award:** Awarded to a courageous and vocal advocate for justice and committed to civil rights and inclusion efforts on campus and in the local community.

**The Ella T. Grasso Award:** Awarded to a courageous and vocal advocate for justice and committed to civil rights and inclusion efforts on campus and in the local community.

**The César Chávez Award:** Awarded to a compassionate leader who fosters empathy, accountability, and collective action in pursuit of social change across campus and beyond

### Evaluator Information

1. \*Name of Evaluator:
2. \*Professional Position/ Title:
3. \*Contact Email:
4. \*Name of student you are recommending/ evaluating:
5. \*How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

## Evaluation

6. Please rate the applicant in each of the areas listed below in comparison with others students you have known:

	Lower 50%	Upper 50%	Upper 25%	Upper 10%	Upper 5%	N/A- No Basis to Respond
Effective Communicator						
Works Well Independently						
Works Well with Others						
Empathetic						
Social Responsibility						
Civic Engagement						
Equity-Minded						
Problem Solving						
Advocates for Justice						
Promotes the Equal Worth and Dignity of Every Individual						
Fosters a Welcoming Environment						
Works to Dismantle Oppression at a Systemic Level						
Works Towards Eliminating Discrimination						

7. How would you rate the nominee's demonstration of excellence and innovation in their pursuit of equity and justice? Please explain.

8. How has the nominee's leadership influenced positive change within the campus and surrounding community? Please describe.

9. How would you rate the nominee's effectiveness in empowering others to contribute to positive change on campus and local community? Please explain.

10. Other Comments (not required)