



Monmouth County Human Relations Commission

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1. A Prospective Membership Package with an application form can be obtained through the Membership Committee Chairperson or by downloading the package from the MCHRC website below. Return the completed application form to the membership committee chairperson.
2. Your application will be given to the MCHRC Chairperson, reviewed by the committee, then voted on by the commission. You will be notified of the decision as soon as possible, normally within five business days.
3. If there are any questions, please contact the Membership Chair.

Thank you for your support and interest in our organization.

MCHRC Website: <http://www.monmouthcountyhrc.org>

**Monmouth County Human Relations Commission (MCHRC)
Membership Application**

- 1. Date: _____
- 2. Name: _____
- 3. Address: _____
- 4. Telephone: Home: _____
Work: _____
Cellular: _____
Fax: _____
Email: _____

5. Are you applying as a **Voting** or a **Non-Voting** Member (Please circle one).

Circle the Standing Committee and/or Supporting Committee you plan to join:

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| Education | Membership |
| Communications | Officer Nominating |
| Police & Community Relations | Teasley Award Committee |
| Programs | |

6. Attach or write a brief statement explaining why you would like to be a member of the MCHRC (Use the other side if necessary):

7. Please attach a resume detailing your work and community experiences.

Here are some additional details from the MCHRC Bylaws for you to review and to help you in completing the application:

MISSION STATEMENT

To monitor the trends of bias and discrimination within Monmouth County, working in collaboration with law enforcement and key community stakeholders.

To advocate for residents, communities, and organizations who are targets of bias and discrimination in the county.

To educate concerned citizens, business leaders, and key community stakeholders about these trends and their impact on the quality of life for Monmouth County residents.

To partner with organizations that work within targeted communities to proactively address area concerns around bias and discrimination.

To proactively support efforts that prevent and combat bias and discrimination within Monmouth County.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Voting Members: All persons who are active through their attendance at scheduled meetings and participation in the activities of the Commission via their involvement on Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees are permitted to vote. (See Article IX of the Bylaws for Membership Rules).

Non-Voting Members/Affiliates: These are members that are not subject to the attendance requirements of voting members, but are individuals and organizations that may participate as issues present themselves.

New members may become active on the MCHRC in one of two ways:

1. The prospective member shall write to the MCHRC to express interest and explain the rationale for representation on the Commission. Prospective members will complete and submit an application form to the Membership Committee, who will review for consideration by the membership at a future meeting.
2. Upon recommendations of the Membership Committee, the MCHRC may solicit memberships that will be helpful in attaining the goals and objectives of the Commission, following the same process for prospective members.

STANDING COMMITTEES

EDUCATION

The primary focus is to formulate and support efforts to reduce and eliminate hate, bias and related violence in the community by being proactive in identifying the most effective programs and procedures in working with schools, community groups, religious groups and any other appropriate community agency, and to implement effective programs either on its own or in concert with others who share our goal.

PROGRAMS

In conjunction with the Education Standing Committee and community and county government agencies, to develop programs for each of the 5 meetings of the Commission, and to support, partner, and help publicize community programs whose goals are in accordance with the mission of the MCHRC.

POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The mission of this team, broadly stated, is to develop ways to improve relationships and cooperation between the general population and the police community via increased communications, promoting a greater dialogue between police and local civic, religious and community groups, and to assist in the formation of municipal human relations groups. In addition, this committee will monitor the MCHRC hot line, located in the department of human services @ 732-303-7666, and report to the membership on its effectiveness as need arises.

COMMUNICATIONS

To develop and maintain print and internet resources that will be useful in carrying out the programs associated with the MCHRC's mission, as well as for commission members to use at events and activities. In addition, this committee will coordinate and publicize community events and programs.

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

(You may also elect or be asked to serve on one of the following committees that meet on an ad hoc basis)

Membership Committee –The duty of the committee is to solicit applicants for membership on the Commission. Upon completion of the MCHRC application form and interview, the committee shall review the information submitted and make a written or oral report to the Full Commission.

Officer Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee is elected at the September meeting. It shall consist of three to five members in good standing. The duty of the Nominating Committee shall be to present a slate of officers at the November/early December Commission meeting to be voted on at that meeting, as the last order of business.

Teasley Award Committee—This Committee serves to select the annual Earl T. Teasley Humanitarian Award. It will consist of three voting members and will meet as needed to review the applications for the award presented at the June meeting. It will also be responsible for developing a program for the award.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

5 Commission Meetings, with Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees meeting as needed.

- A. January- Review of the annual bias incident/crime report from the prosecutor's office, and begin programs for the year.
- B. March-Community information forum based on leading topics identified in bias report and developed by the Program Committee. Feature invited speaker/community leader. Proposed budget adopted.
- C. June-Teasley humanitarian award ceremony.
- D. September-Community Program and other outreach.
- E. November/early December-Annual Program Planning, subject to approval by the membership, and year-end report. The proposed budget will also be reviewed. Annual meeting report. Vote on new officers.