

Ed Blackman Award



Nominations

Do you know a CUPE activist who has shown leadership in the pursuit of racial equality, ending racism, promoting diversity and advancing racial justice for all workers of colour?

Nominations are now open for the Biennial Ed Blackman Award.

The late Brother Ed Blackman was a worker of colour and a committed trade unionist on the local and national scenes. He was a founding member of the CUPE National Rainbow Committee and a prominent local and national leader of our union. He served for many years as President of CUPE Local 500, Winnipeg Civic Employees, and as a General Vice-President on CUPE's National Executive Board. Brother Blackman was a committed activist in the community, and had a passionate commitment to social unionism and building a strong and diverse labour movement founded on racial justice.

The Ed Blackman Award is presented to a CUPE member who strengthens the labour movement by:

- Demonstrating commitment to activism on racial justice;
- Providing leadership and acting as a role model for activism;
- Dismantling barriers to greater participation for workers of colour in our union;
- Promoting racial justice in the workplace and the community;
- Promoting and defending the rights of people of colour in our communities to build a stronger social movement.

CUPE locals, divisions, anti-racism or human rights committees at any level of CUPE can nominate a CUPE member for this award.

Three persons, including one of the co-chairs of the National Rainbow Committee, make up the selection committee and are appointed by the CUPE National Officers.

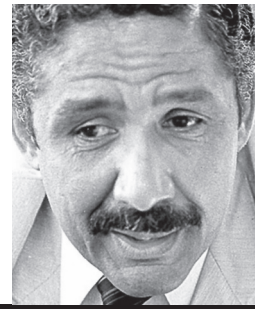
The award winner receives a commemorative plaque and CUPE will make a \$1,000 donation to the social justice organization of her or his choice.

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**NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED
NO LATER THAN August 5th, 2015
(use the form on reverse).**

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Nomination form

Nominating body:

(Local, Division, Anti-Racism Committee, or Human Rights Committee)

Contact person:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Nominee:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

1. Please tell us why you are nominating this CUPE member for the Ed Blackman Award?

2. Please describe what this nominee has done to champion workers of colour rights in the workplace, in the union and/or the community.

3. How has this nominee's lived experience of racial inequality, and activism in overcoming barriers to racial equality, inspired or influenced others in the union, workplace, and/or community? How has this nominee acted as a mentor to others in advancing a racial justice agenda?

4. Please describe any relevant information or activities performed within the workplace, local union, provincial division, federation of labour, CUPE National, CLC, or the community to advance racial justice.

5. Is there any additional information we should know about the nominee?

**Please complete the form and send it to:
Selection Committee, Ed Blackman Award,
CUPE National, 1375 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa, Ontario K1G 0Z7 Fax: (613) 237-5508**