

**NOMINATION FORM**  
**JENNIE ELDER SUEL DISTINGUISHED WOMAN OF COLOR AWARD**

*Mrs. Jennie Elder Suel, this woman of distinction, was born in 1904. She came to Oxford, Ohio after marrying Clifford Suel. Mrs. Suel passed away in 1999 at the age of 95.*

*Her Accomplishments:*

*She began her education at Tuskegee Institute. While she was there, the great inventor, Dr. George Washington Carver, taught her. She left Tuskegee Institute after a year and moved to New York City to complete her nurses' training.*

*Mrs. Suel donated historical documents to Miami University. They are "born-free" papers of her late husband's grandparents, and the recorded union of her great great grandparents.*

*Opening her home to Miami University students, she gave room and board to African-American students who were not allowed to live on campus.*

We are seeking nominations of faculty, staff and community women with similar contributions and dedication to Miami University and the community in which they live. Please consider particularly those who have been warm and welcoming to others, and their efforts in furthering others above and beyond their official job responsibilities.

Person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(Please include day and evening phone): \_\_\_\_\_

When nominating a person for the award, keep in mind the following criteria:

**Service to Miami University  
(outside her job responsibilities)**

**Unique accomplishments**

**Service to community**

**Level of Commitment**

Write a brief essay on why you nominated this woman for the award. Be sure to include how she has made a difference in the Miami University community and community at large, as well as why this person impressed you. Cite specific examples of the individual's work. Please limit to two pages.

**\*The nomination is due January 24, 2006**

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Dear colleagues and friends of the Miami University community,

The Women of Color Celebration Awards Committee is pleased to announce that it is accepting nominations for the *Jennie Elder Suel Award* for the Women of Color Celebration and Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on March 8, 2006.

This award of distinction was given for the first time to Mrs. Suel during the 1994 luncheon. Mrs. Suel had given of herself to both the Miami University and Oxford communities. She resided in Oxford for most of her life; during this time she provided housing, meals and entertainment for Miami students. The Women of Color Celebration Committee has continued to give this award to other spirited women of color. The past recipients of this award are:

- 1995 Gail DellaPiana, for her role in mentoring, housing and supporting women at Miami.
- 1996 Sarah (Sally) Sanford Faulkner-Smith, for her efforts leading to the formation of Allen Foundation and keeping an open house for African-American students.
- 1997 Mary Felder Porter, for her leadership as Director of the Young People's and Children's Division of the South Ohio Conference and establishment of the Emma Kent Scholarship.
- 2001 Bettye Brown, for her charity work in Oxford and her role as Director of the Oxford Advisory Welfare Service (now Oxford Talawanda Community Services Inc.).
- 2001 Julie Olds, for educating the university community about Miami Nation culture and tradition.
- 2002 Cheryl Burgan Evans, for her efforts in recruiting minority graduate students and then making sure their stay at Miami and in the community is a positive experience.
- 2003 Iris DeLoach Johnson, for her encouragement of young people to see the beauty of math, science and engineering.
- 2003 Marian Musgrave (posthumous), Miami's first black female faculty member, for consistently encouraging her students to do better and to go beyond the average.
- 2004 Bessie Rome, for her work with youth in her church and her dedication in assisting others in need in the Oxford community.
- 2004 Deloris Rome Hudson, for her advocacy of public education and her work to improve conditions for students and teachers.
- 2005 Susan Mosley-Howard, for her efforts in mentoring undergraduate students at Miami University.
- 2005 Ruchelle Dunwoody, for her work with children in the Talawanda School District and her successful efforts in motivating undergraduate students at Miami.

The recipient of this year's *Jennie Elder Suel Distinguished Woman of Color Award* will be honored during the luncheon, and her name will be placed on a plaque along with the names of the previous recipients of this award. We are seeking nominations of women who are similar to Jennie Elder Suel in their service and dedication to the Miami University community and the community in which they live. The nomination form is printed on the back. The deadline is January 24, 2006.

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