

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 Suel donated historical documents to Miami University.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 and accomplishments (outside job responsibilities)**
- **Service to community and 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 23, 2008.**

Return to Jacky Johnson, Women of Color Celebration Awards Committee Chair
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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 Distinguished Woman of Color Award*. The award will be presented at the annual Women of Color Celebration and Luncheon. 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. Residing in Oxford for most of her life, 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 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 Tallawanda Community Services Inc.).
- 2001: **Julie Olds**, for educating the university community about Miami Tribe culture and tradition.
- 2002: **Cheryl Burgan Evans**, for 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 encouraging 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 working with youth in her church and assisting others in need in Oxford.
- 2004: **Deloris Rome Hudson**, for advocating for public education and improved conditions for students and teachers.
- 2005: **Ruchelle Dunwoody**, for fostering a positive environment for youth in sports.
- 2005: **Susan Mosley-Howard**, a gifted teacher and scholar, for her advocacy on behalf of Miami students and her commitment to making a difference in the lives of children and youth in her community.
- 2006: **Martha Sue Brown**, for quietly assisting residents, especially elderly residents, in Oxford.
- 2006: **Etta Caver**, for beginning a soup kitchen in her home and beginning the Dream Center "Feed the Hungry Project," which has received national attention.
- 2007: **Paula Saine**, for dedicating her life to teaching and educating children and for her work in literacy education.

The recipient of this year's *Jennie Elder Suel Distinguished Woman of Color Award* will be honored during the **Women of Color Celebration and Luncheon, March 5, 2008**, 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 for nominations is January 23, 2008.

Sincerely,

Jacky Johnson
Awards Committee