



19th Annual Sons of Bransford Awards

We seek nominations of African American men and women who have shown real leadership and advocated for African American youth, men, and the community whenever the opportunity presented itself.

The goal of the **Sons Of Bransford or SOB Awards** is to recognize African American men and women who have positively impacted the community's social conditions and the lives of individuals through their quiet and not-so-quiet leadership. They deserve honor and recognition in celebrating their achievements despite their trials and tribulations so that others can draw strength, courage, and hope from them as peaceful warriors. In the spirit of the award namesake, **Jim Bransford**, like him, is **worthy of receiving their flowers while they can still smell them!**

Jim touched multiple generations of individuals with his plain-spoken and practical approach to solving life's problems. **Jim embodied resiliency, tenacity, and love for family and community.**

Awards:

- **Mentor Awards:** to recognize and affirm the outstanding contributions made by an African American male **31 or older**. Who are respected for their work in the African American community and have demonstrated positive formal and/or informal mentoring and leadership.
- **Young Leader Award:** to recognize and affirm the outstanding contributions made by a young African American between **18 – 30**. Who motivates others as a positive community role model and encourages the development of future leaders in the African American community.
- **Partner Award:** to recognize and affirm the outstanding contributions made by an African American female **31 or older**. Who are respected for their work in the African American community and have demonstrated positive formal and/or informal mentoring and leadership.
- **John Turnipseed Mentor Award:** to recognize and affirm the outstanding contributions made by an African American male who is respected for their service to the African American community and has demonstrated positive formal and/or informal mentoring and leadership.
- **Alice O. Lynch Community Service Award:** to recognize and affirm the outstanding contributions made by an African American female who is respected for their service to the African American community and has demonstrated positive formal and/or informal mentoring and leadership.
- **James E. Bransford Community Service Award:** to recognize and affirm the outstanding contributions made by an African American male who is respected for their service to the African American community and has demonstrated positive formal and/or informal mentoring and leadership.

Go online at SonsofBransford.com for more information and to nominate someone or return your ballot by email to healingbrothers@comcast.net

By **April 11, 2025**. Final awardees will be notified by **April 25, 2025**

Announcement of Winners

Award winners will be announced and recognized at the **19th Annual Sons of Bransford Awards Dinner**, on **June 26th at 5:30 p.m.** at

St. Paul College, City View Cafeteria, 235 Marshall Ave, St. Paul, MN 55102

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NOMINATION FORM

(You can nominate someone for a single award or each one. Use one form per nominee.)

NOMINEE AWARDS:

- Mentor Award (31+ male) Partner (31+ female) Young Leader (18 to 30 individuals)
 John Turnipseed Mentor Award (31+ male) Alice O. Lynch Community Service Award (female)
 James E. Bransford Community Service Award (male)

Nominee Name: _____

Title: (if applicable) _____

Organization: (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

NOMINATOR: (If not the same as the nominee above.)

Nominator Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Nominee: Family Friend Co-Worker Other: _____

Describe why this individual should be a winner (You may attach additional documentation):

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