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Mail to: The April 4th Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 3267
Memphis, TN 38173

Awards Banquet held on: April 4, 2026
Hilton - Memphis
939 Ridge Lake Blvd. 38120
Time: 6:30 p.m.

FOOTSTEPS YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ON CIVIL RIGHTS

An integral part of The April 4th Foundation, Inc.'s work is to "Tell the story...Pass it on". We accomplish this by highlighting the incredible sacrifices and successes of the civil rights movement in the community. Our Footsteps program is the youth education component of The April 4th Foundation and has impacted and inspired thousands of youth throughout the City of Memphis. Participants have visited historic civil rights locations throughout the South as well as met and talked with living legends and civil rights icons. This enabled them to hear first-hand about the movement from the men and women who helped make it happen and those who witnessed it. A few of the inspiring individuals who actively participated with Footsteps are Dr. Joseph Lowery, Dr. Christine King Farris (the sister of Dr. Martin Luther King), Dr. Hattie Jackson, Jocelyn Wurzburg, Dr. C.T. Vivian, Bobby Seale, and renowned actor and activist, Harry Belafonte.

Your support of The April 4th Foundation is vital to sustain the education of our youth through the Footsteps program. With your contribution, Footsteps participants can continue to enjoy a life-changing weeklong experience. Applications and registration for the Footsteps class begins June 16th, 2026. For more information, please call (901) 481-6218 or (901) 859-3364.

THE APRIL 4TH FOUNDATION, INC.

26th Annual Commemorative AWARDS BANQUET

April 4, 2026, 6:30 pm
The Hilton Hotel - Memphis



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

The Foundation provides recognition through the issuance of awards to acknowledge and promote excellence in the field of economic justice and equality as Dr. King dreamed.

The I AM A MAN Award®

This award is presented to those individuals who continue to strive to keep Dr. Martin Luther King's "Dream" alive and to bring it into being.

The I AM A MAN Award® was trademarked by the Foundation in 2003.

Past recipients of this prestigious award: Congressman Harold Ford Sr., Ms. Dianne Nash, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, The Rev. Joseph Lowery (SCLC), President William (Bill) Clinton, Congressman John Lewis, Mr. William (Bill) Lucy (AFSCME), Congressman John Conyers, Mr. Harry Belafonte, and Father Michael Pfleger.



The Open Door Award

Based on 2 Corinthians 2:12, the Open Door Award is given to persons who have "opened doors" for others. Since 2000, this award has recognized the work of those paving the way to the realization of Dr. King's "Dream".



2026 HONOREES

I AM A MAN AWARD



Congressman Benny Thompson
Mississippi 2nd District



Dr. Leona Tate
Activist, Civil Rights Pioneer & Community Activist

OPEN DOOR AWARD



Africa In April Cultural Awareness Festival, Inc.



J.W. & Kathy Gibson
Charitable Foundation

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Platinum Sponsorship \$10,000

- Back cover of Keepsake Booklet
- 4 tables of 10 at Commemorative Awards Banquet

Gold Sponsorship \$7,500

- Inside front cover of Keepsake Booklet
- 3 tables of 10 at Commemorative Awards Banquet

Silver Sponsorship \$5,000

- Inside back cover of Keepsake Booklet
- 2 tables of 10 at Commemorative Awards Banquet

Be A Monthly Donor: Freedom Rider \$10 Dreamer \$15 Drum Major \$20

CONTRIBUTOR OPPORTUNITIES

Full Page Ad (Color-7"Wx9"H)	\$1,500
Full Page Ad (B/W -7"Wx9"H)	\$750
Half Page Ad (B/W -7"Wx4.5"H)	\$300
Fourth Page Ad (B/W -3.5"Wx4.5"H)	\$175
Commercial Ad (30 sec)	\$500
Sponsor A Student	\$750
Table of 10 (Banquet)	\$1,500
Individual Banquet Tickets	\$150

Deadline for submitting camera ready art is March 3, 2026.

Please make checks payable to:

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