

## **Nominate a deserving state employee for the John Rodman Larkins Award**

### ***Award honors human relations, community service***

Each year, North Carolina honors a state employee for his or her commitment to justice and equality with the Larkins Award. Winners are nominated by fellow state employees for their work to improve human and race relations in the workplace and their volunteerism and service in the community.

Nominations are due by December 29, 2017. The award winner will be announced at the North Carolina State Employees' Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance Program on Friday, January 12, 2018.

The Larkins Award is named for Dr. John Rodman Larkins, a North Carolina native who made our state and nation stronger through his work to improve human and race relations.

#### **About Dr. Larkins**

Dr. Larkins was born December 24, 1913, in Wilmington, North Carolina, where he attended public school and graduated from Williston High School. Under the National Youth Administration Program, Larkins attended Shaw University and later earned his M.A. at Atlanta University's School of Social Work and his Doctorate at Columbia University's School of Social Work.

After early jobs paving roads and working in the garment industry in New York City, Dr. Larkins returned to North Carolina, to serve as a welfare worker in Warren County. In 1942, he became a consultant for the North Carolina Department of Public Welfare (now the Department of Health and Human Services) until 1962 when he became the Department Coordinator. Dr. Larkins went on to serve as the Associate Director of the State Probation Commission from 1963 to 1973; as the Director of Youth Development at the Department of Corrections in 1973-74; and as Special Assistant to the Governor on Minority Affairs from 1977 until his death in 1980.

Dr. Larkins' contributions extended beyond the workplace. He authored a collection of articles that explore race, community, leadership, and sociology. He taught part-time at St. Augustine's College and Shaw University, and served in several sociological associations. Throughout his life and career, Dr. Larkins received numerous honors for his efforts to make our state and nation stronger through better human and race relations. Dr. Larkins' legacy in North Carolina is one of hope, trust, hard work, and dedication. He believed in his fellow people and committed his life to improving our communities.

#### **About the Larkins Award**

The John Rodman Larkins Award was established in 1998 to recognize human service, and it is presented annually at the North Carolina State Employees' Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance Program.

You are invited to nominate state employees who reflect Dr. Larkins' commitment to equality and justice in the workplace and his dedication to improving conditions in local

communities through volunteerism and community service. All submissions must be postmarked by **Friday, December 29, 2017**.

To be considered for the John Rodman Larkins Award, complete the attached nomination form and provide a detailed description of how the nominee has **improved human and race relations in the workplace, and how the nominee has contributed to local communities through volunteerism and community service**. The winner is selected by a panel of state employees.

The nomination form and written description detailing contributions to local communities through volunteerism and community service should be mailed to:

Michael Leach, Director of Public Engagement  
Office of the Governor  
20301 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301  
(919-814-2000)

## The John Rodman Larkins Award Nomination Form

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

Agency/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years of State Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Agency/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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