The Russell C. Hill Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations making an outstanding contribution to character education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs.

**Background**

Russell Chilton Hill, a prominent businessman from San Antonio, Texas, spent much of his time and fortune promoting character education based on his “Freedoms Code,” which earned him the Freedom Foundation’s Honor Medal. Hill made a pledge to fight for public support for the development of character in the youth of our nation. Learning for Life established this award to honor Hill’s outstanding achievement in the character education field.

**Purpose**

The award is designed for council use to recognize individuals or organizations making an outstanding contribution to character education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs. The award is also presented regionally and nationally.

**Awards to Individuals**

The council may present the Russell C. Hill Award to men and women who have rendered an outstanding contribution to character education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs. Each council may determine the criteria and procedure for granting the award; therefore, each council develops its own nomination form. A suggested nomination form is attached.

**Awards to Organizations**

The council may present the Russell C. Hill Award to schools, businesses, industries, labor unions, governmental agencies, civic clubs, fraternal groups, and other community organizations that have demonstrated outstanding contributions to character education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs. Each council may determine the criteria and procedure for granting the award; therefore, each council develops its own nomination form. A suggested nomination form is attached.

**Recognition Plaque**

Design a local ceremony and order the award (No. 17434) from the National Distribution Center for presentation.

**Selection Procedure**

The Russell C. Hill Award selection committee is part of the program function of the local Learning for Life committee. Through proper public relations, focus attention on the winner and his or her accomplishments.
Russell C. Hill Award Nomination Form

(Although each council is encouraged to develop its own nomination form, here is a suggestion.)

The Russell C Hill Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations making an outstanding contribution to character education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs.

Hill Award nominations are due ____________________________.

Information about Hill Award nominee:

(Please help us by typing or writing legibly.)

Name of nominee (organization)______________________________________________________________

His or her position:________________________________________________________________________

Company or organization that employs nominee: _________________________________________________

Nominee’s mailing address: __________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________     State: __________________     Zip:____________________

Nominee’s work phone: (_______) __________________     Nominee’s e-mail address: __________________________

Information about Hill Award nominee’s volunteer activities:

You may use additional sheet for these descriptions. (You’re welcome to include any letter of reference that you feel would strengthen your nomination.) If you do, please note here: _____Yes, I have attached additional information.

Primary organization that your nominee volunteers for:

Description of volunteer activities for this organization:

Description of the time commitment made by nominee (number of years and number of hours per week or month):
The greatest contribution nominee has made to the organization:

Secondary organization that nominee volunteers for:

Description of volunteer activities for this organization:

Description of the time commitment made by nominee (number of years and number of hours per week or month):

The greatest contribution your nominee has made to the organization:
In the space below, or on an additional sheet of paper, please note the reasons you have selected this nominee as an outstanding role model for today’s young people.

___ I have attached additional information.

In the space below, or on an additional sheet of paper, please explain how your nominee has shown excellence in his or her profession or craft:

___ I have attached additional information.

Information about you:

Today’s date: ________________________________

Your name: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Your position and company/organization affiliation: __________________________________________________________

Your mailing address: __________________________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________ State: __________________ Zip: ______________________

Your work phone: (______) _______________________ Your e-mail address: ________________________________

If my nominee is selected as a ___________ Hill Award recipient, I will ensure his or her attendance at the
year__ _____________________________________ on __________________. I will also encourage members of my
recognition event/dinner __________________ on _____________. I will also encourage members of my
organization and friends and associates of my nominee to attend.

Your signature: ________________________________