The Swahili word ahadi means “promise.” The Ahadi Award is an annual recognition given to a young African American person who has excelled in academics and performed inspiring service to the Greater Springfield community. Each year, the African Hall Committee of the Springfield Science Museum selects the recipient from the list of eligible nominations. The Ahadi Award will be presented to the recipient at the annual Ubora Award ceremony held at the Springfield Museums.

Nomination Criteria

1. Nominees must be of African descent and 19 years of age or younger at the time of nomination.
2. Nominees should live in the Greater Springfield area or have significant ties to the Greater Springfield area.
3. Nominees should be enrolled in school attending grades 10, 11 or 12.
4. Only one nomination per potential honoree is needed.

Please submit a completed Official Nomination Form (including a Nomination Statement) for each deserving youth you would like to nominate for the Ahadi Award.

All nomination documents must be received by March 31, 2024.
If you have any questions, please contact 413.314.6421

Mail to African Hall Committee c/o Jenny Powers, Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards Street, Springfield, MA 01103; or email ubora@springfieldmuseums.org.
Nominee Information

Name ____________________________ Age _______________________

Address ____________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________ Email ______________________

School ____________________________ Grade □ 10 □ 11 □ 12

Nominator Information

Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________ Email ______________________

Place of Employment ___________________________________________

Position or Title ______________________________________________

Nomination Statement

Please include additional sheets with a nomination statement addressing the points below.

1. Share how you know the nominee and for how long.
2. Describe nominee’s academic performance/standing.
3. Describe the nominee’s personality and character.
4. Describe the nominee’s community service and positive impact on the Greater Springfield area, and how that has distinguished the nominee as a leader and role model for other young people.
5. Is there any additional information about the nominee that should be known?