

Twin Cities Human Rights Campaign

Brian Coyle Leadership Award



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The Award

The *Brian Coyle Leadership Award* is the highest honor bestowed by the Twin Cities Steering Committee of the Human Rights Campaign.

Named in honor of the late activist and Minneapolis City Council vice president Brian J. Coyle, the award recognizes exceptional contributions to the cause of GLBT equality by an individual or organization.

The Human Rights Campaign invites members of the community to submit nominations for the award on behalf of organizations and individuals in the GLBT and allied communities who exemplify HRC's mission to advance the rights of GLBT individuals, end discrimination, work to allow all people to feel safe and secure at home, at work, and in the community.

Nominations must be submitted on the HRC Brian Coyle Award Nomination Form and submitted prior to the deadline shown on the form in order to be considered. All nominations will be given serious consideration by the Twin Cities HRC Leadership Committee, which is responsible for choosing award recipients. The award will be presented during the annual Twin Cities HRC Gala Dinner.

More information on how to submit a nomination is available at www.twincitieshrc.org

Founded in 1980, the **Human Rights Campaign** is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against GLBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.



Brian J. Coyle
1944 – 1991

Brian Coyle was a community leader and gay activist. He was born in Great Falls, Montana, raised in Moorhead, Minnesota and studied at the University of Minnesota. Coyle was a member of Students for a Democratic Society and a writer for the *Minnesota Daily*. He originated the Free University, directed the National Campaign to Impeach Nixon, and founded the Progressive Roundtable. Coyle served three terms on the Minneapolis City Council where he concentrated on housing, human rights, the environment and transportation and served as council vice president. Coyle told the public he was HIV positive in the year of his death. Coyle's contributions have been honored with a community center and community gardens that bear his name, and his papers are maintained in a collection at the Minnesota Historical Society. Since 1991, the Human Rights Campaign has been pleased to present an award in memory of the life and work of Brian Coyle.