





Educator Advocate of the Year

To meet the criteria for this nomination, the nominee must be an education entity or personnel who advocated on behalf of a group of students with developmental disabilities (dd) to get appropriate and quality education, more accessible facilities, accessible school transportation, education policy or change, secure funding to support education, etc.

Name of Nominee:
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the person or entity you are nominating that demonstrates the advocacy efforts on behalf of a group of students with Developmental Disabilities to get appropriate and quality education, more accessible facilities, accessible school transportation, education policy creation ochange, secure funding to support education, etc.







Employer Advocate of the Year

To meet the criteria for this nomination, the nominee must be an employer that was directly hired (as a result of OVR or WIA efforts or direct hire) and provided reasonable accommodations including training to an employee with dd that lasted at least one year.

Name of Nominee:
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the employer you are nominating that demonstrates how he/she provided reasonable accommodations including training to an employee with dd.
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the employer you are nominating that demonstrates how he/she directly hired an employee with dd (may include the outcome of working with OVR and /or WIA) that lasted at least one year due to their efforts.







Family Advocate of the Year

To meet the criteria for this nomination, the nominee must have a child or children with a developmental disability, most especially very young child(ren) with developmental disabilities who advocated on behalf of their child to get supports or services or exercise their civil rights in education, early childhood, independent living, health care, recreation, transportation, etc.

Name of Nominee:
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the person you are nominating, that facilitated/resulted in the exercise of civil rights for their child(ren) with dd.
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the person you are nominating, that facilitated / resulted in the exercise of civil rights for their child(ren) in the area of education, early childhood, independent living, health care, recreation, transportation or any other area of living.







Advocate of the Year

To meet the criteria for this nomination, the nominee must be a person who facilitated and resulted in policy changes, removal of physical barriers, assisted a person(s) with developmental disability(ies), received support and services or advocacy assistance through an attorney, filed complaints or went through NMPASI.

Name of Nominee:
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the person you are nominating, that facilitated/resulted in policy changes to enhance the life/lives of person(s) with developmental disabilities.
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the person you are nominating, that facilitated/resulted in the removal of physical barriers to enhance the life/lives of person(s) with developmental disabilities.







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Public/Private Entity Advocate of the Year

To meet the criteria for this nomination, the nominee must be a private or public entity that made their program, services accessible, advocated for equal access, provided special accommodations, changed their policies and practices, included provisions on ADA requirements for public benefits, impacts citizens with dd and their families, etc.

Name of Nominee:
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the entity you are nominating that made their program(s) or services accessible, or advocated for equal access, and as a result, impacts the lives of citizens with dd and their families.
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the entity you are nominating that changed their policies and practices and provides special accommodations or includes provisions on ADA requirements for public benefit that impacts the lives of citizens with dd and their families.



Self-Advocate of the Year

To meet the criteria for this nomination, the nominee must be a person with dd who advocated for himself/herself to become productive, independent, included as a result of their advocacy efforts, became employed, effected policy change, buildings accessibility, exercised his/her civil rights, supports or programs or services redesigned or more accessible, or made available.

Name of Nominee:
If applicable, briefly describe the action taken by the entity you are nominating demonstrates as a result of their action they became employed, policies changed, effected building accessibility, exercised his/her civil rights, supports or programs or services redesigned or more accessible, or made available.



Legislative Advocate of the Year

To meet the criteria for this nomination, the nominee must have introduced bills or resolutions and assisted with the passage of law that benefits and impacts a person(s) with developmental disabilities' (dd) life and their families.

Please attach supporting documentation such as public laws, resolutions, proposed legislation, certificates of appreciation, letters of commendation, disability award, news articles or letters of support to assist the committee with the selection process.