

DD Awareness Month Contest

2026 Contest Highlighting Our Abilities



Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an opportunity to promote respect for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and to educate others about the abilities people with IDD possess. Each year, NJSAP hosts a Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month contest.

In this year's contest, we'd like you to design a graphic for us to use in our March celebrations!

Participants are invited to submit a graphic for the contest fitting the theme: **Highlighting Our Abilities**. The NJ Statewide Self-Advocacy Network's Advisory Board will select the winning design from the available submissions. The winner will be highlighted on our website and their graphic utilized throughout March for all of our DD Awareness Month celebrations. The winning design will also be featured on a t-shirt available for purchase on Bonfire.com.

How Do I Get Involved?

Create a design using the theme: **Highlighting Our Abilities**. DD Awareness Month is a great time to let folks know all the amazing things people with IDD are capable of. Create a graphic showcasing your skills, strengths, and achievements!

1. Develop a creative and memorable graphic/image to go with the theme: **Highlighting Our Abilities**.
2. Fill out the form below and submit your image. Submissions will be voted on by the NJSSAN's Advisory Board.

Contest Rules

- Artwork can be any 2D medium, but images should be clear.
- No videos this year!
- Include the theme: **Highlighting Our Abilities**.
- You must fill out both the form below and attach your image.
- Submissions cannot violate copyright laws, please only use images and fonts you have created or have permission to use.

Helpful Tips

- If you are using traditional media, make sure your photo or scan is high quality.
- Please do not copy already existing images/logos. Make sure your artwork is original and unique!
- Winning image may be edited for clarity or restrictions on t-shirt design.

Contest Timeline

1. The submission deadline is February 13th.
2. Voting will take place February 16-20th.
3. Winners will be notified on February 23rd.
4. The winning theme and graphic will be shared throughout March!

Official Entry Form*

“Highlighting Our Abilities” DD Awareness Month Contest

Individual or Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Tell us about your design:

Typed Fonts Used (if any): _____

Please e-mail your entry form to:
FBayak@ArcNJ.org by February 13, 2026.

Please visit [our website](#) for more information.