

NOMINATIONS 2020

The Advisor Of The Year Award

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The major role of the advisor is simply to help the self-advocacy groups get "behind the plate," to assist them in developing skills and gaining the confidence necessary to affect positive change.

Advisors are responsible for assisting individual members or groups as a whole in learning about self-advocacy. Advisors assist in organizing and supporting the group and working toward their goals.

A dedicated advisor embraces the philosophy that is consistent with the goals and purposes set by the group members, "that people are people no matter what their abilities or limitations might be".

If you would like to nominate someone for Advisor of the Year, enter their name below and, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions:

- 1) What does this advisor do to support the officers or leadership of the self-advocacy group?
- 2) How does this advisor help the group set and achieve goals related to self-advocacy?

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

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The Group Achievement Award

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OR
RECOGNITION
LETTERS

The NJSSAN is an advocacy organization made up of, and led by, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Each year, a self-advocacy group is selected from this network of individual self-advocacy groups and five regional Councils and recognized for demonstrating outstanding teamwork and promoting community awareness that helps improve the quality of life of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Group Achievement Award is given to a group that goes out of their way to demonstrate teamwork. Winning groups set goals and plan activities that address issues of interest to the group. They have a leadership structure which demonstrates that the group is composed of and managed by self-advocates.

If you would like to nominate a group for this award, enter their name below and then on a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions:

- 1) How does the group work together to set goals and plan activities that address the interest of the group?
- 2) Is the leadership of your group composed of and managed by self-advocates?
- 3) How does your group use its advisor to support the group to carry out the group's goals and objectives?
- 4) Is your group a member of the NJSSAN?
- 5) List your group's self-advocacy goals and accomplishments from the past year.
- 6) List ways that your group sought to raise community awareness about developmental and intellectual disabilities from the past year.

NAME OF GROUP: _____

NAME OF GROUP ADVISORS: _____

Send all information
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AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE: Monday, May 4th
Award winners will be notified by Friday, May 15th



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The Jane Miller Memorial Leadership Award

The Jane Miller Memorial Leadership Award is given to a self-advocate who has demonstrated quality leadership skills.

Jane Miller was not just a good person, she was an active member of NJ/USA, a leader and Treasurer of The Warren County Go-Getters, and worked on starting The Warren County Office For The Disabled. She was also very involved in transportation issues. Jane was a leader at The Self-Advocacy Conference, volunteering her time and presenting workshops. Jane was a true inspiration to those who knew her.

Jane passed away in July 1992. At that point, NJ/USA established The Jane Miller Memorial Leadership Award. This award is presented each year at the Annual Spring Luncheon to a self-advocate who carries on the tradition of all that Jane stood for.

If you would like to nominate someone who is a role model for other Self-Advocates, enter their name below and, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions:

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

- 1) Describe this person's involvement in the self-advocacy movement.
- 2) What makes this person a good leader?

The Heroes Award

"Heroes...They inspire us with their great strength of character, courage under pressure and determination to succeed"
Help the NJSSAN reward the efforts of an individual who embodies the characteristics of everyday heroes, such as:

COURAGE
COMMITMENT
RESOLVE
COMPASSION
HUMILITY
RESPONSIBILITY
INSPIRATION TO OTHERS

Do you know an advocate, care provider or professional who personifies these qualities or more?

If you would like to nominate an advocate who you believe is a hero, enter their name below and then on a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions:

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

- 1) Describe this person's support of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- 2) What makes this person a hero in the self-advocacy movement?

Please send copies of awards, certificates or recognition letters

Your Name:

Your Telephone:

Your Agency Name:

Your Agency Address:

Your Self Advocacy Group:



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