

ADDP's 2018 LEAD! Conference & Expo

Self Determination Award



NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The Self Determination Award is an opportunity to acknowledge hard work of an individual with a developmental disability and/or brain injury who demonstrates excellence, creativity, and commitment in pursuing and achieving goals. One award valued at \$500 will be named.

Eligibility (of Nominee)

1. Must currently receive services/supports from an ADDP member organization
2. Must meet at least two qualities under criteria section

Criteria

Candidate will be evaluated based on how they demonstrate qualities in at least two (2) of the following areas:

1. Advocacy: Demonstrated activities to affect change on behalf of self and/or people with disabilities. Represents own or others' views or interests to impact positive change
2. Exercises rights: Established, with freely chosen supports, family and friends, where they want to live, with whom they want to live, how their time will be occupied, and who supports them
3. Mentor: Role model to others/peers

Suggested Information

When completing nomination form include specific examples showing how candidate qualifies for award. Use *strong examples*. A weak versus strong example – **Weak**: "She always celebrates diversity." **STRONG**: "She is responsible for organizing the school's first multicultural training, an annual Cinco de Mayo celebration and organized assemblies featuring speakers of different cultural backgrounds."

Nomination Process

1. Submit a "Self Determination Award Nomination Form" by February 16, 2018
2. Write support letter (approx. 150 words or less) OR record a two (2) minute video (smart phone is okay) describing why nominee should get this award. This should be done by someone other than the nominator and submitted by February 16, 2018.
3. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
4. If you have questions, contact ADDP at LEAD@addp.org or 508-405-8000.

Selection Process

1. The ADDP Conference Committee will select one winner.
2. Nominators will learn results via email late February 2018 and will be responsible to notify candidate of results.
3. **Honoree or nominator will need to submit an electronic photo of winner for the event program book by 2/27/16.**
4. Honoree will be invited to attend the conference free of charge to receive award.

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NOMINATION FORM

Nominator Information

Name and title: _____

Organization and address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

Nominee Information

Name and title: _____

Supporting ADDP member agency name & address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominee is supported by ADDP member organization in following DDS region:

Northeast

Metro/Boston

Southeast

Central/West

Has nominator's agency executive director approved the nomination? Yes No

Note: Agency executive director approval is required. ADDP will follow-up on approval for finalists only.

Please answer the following questions about the nominee. Be specific and give examples to support statements.

1. Describe nominee in three words.

2. Describe nominee's background (e.g. personality, interests, work and/or volunteer experience, etc.)

3. Check following elements the nominee meets and give a brief explanation (75 words or less) after each applicable element. (Must meet at least two (2) elements; Refer to guidelines for description of each element).

Advocacy

Exercises rights:

Mentor:

4. Submit a letter of support ***OR*** short video, not both, describing why nominee should get this award. Letter or video should be completed by someone other than nominator. If you submit a video, you will need to email it, along with completed nomination form, to LEAD@addp.org by February 16, 2018. Support letter can be copied below or emailed separately with the completed nomination form.

Email completed form to LEAD@addp.org by February 16, 2018.
Include "Self Determination nomination" as email subject heading.