

**The Advocacy Center  
Community Awards Nomination Form**

To nominate someone for an award, please complete and return the form below along with a description not to exceed two type-written pages. Please address the following topic areas in your nomination:

- Duration (sustained commitment on behalf of individuals with disabilities or sustained personal effort by an individual with a disability)
- Scope and impact of work or personal efforts
- Degree of difficulty and obstacles encountered
- Imagination and innovation

**Award for which you are nominating this individual:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Community Awards (please circle one)?

Website      The Bridge      Direct contact (mail or email)      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for Submission: April 2, 2010**

Please mail, fax, or email nominations to:

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.  
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” ~ *Margaret Mead*

*Please see the following pages for a description of each Community Award, questions to assist you in writing your nomination, and the Nomination Process FAQs.*



## Community Award Descriptions

**Self Advocacy Award:** An individual with a disability who leads the direction of his or her daily life through advocacy and personal choice

**Barbara Bryson Award:** A parent of an individual with a disability who has exhibited pioneering efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities and their families

**Jeanne Krautwurst Award:** A parent or family member of an individual with a disability who has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for his or her family member

**Community Inclusion Award:** An individual or group whose actions have led to the successful inclusion of individuals with disabilities and their families in their communities

**Education Award:** A devoted individual in the field of education who, through extraordinary efforts, has provided for the educational needs of students with disabilities

**Student Award:** A student (with or without a disability) whose efforts have made a positive impact on the lives of individuals with disabilities

**Community Employment Award:** A company or organization that has demonstrated outstanding practices in the competitive employment of an individual or individuals with disabilities

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## Questions to assist in writing a nomination

As you write a nomination, you might find the following questions helpful to guide the process.

**Duration:** How long has the nominee demonstrated sustained commitment on his or her own behalf or on behalf of individuals with disabilities?

**Scope and impact:** How many individuals, families, students or organizations have been positively changed or influenced by the nominee's work? How has the community benefited? What aspects of the nominee's life have been positively influenced by his or her efforts?

**Degree of difficulty:** Identify at least two challenges the nominee has faced in supporting individuals with disabilities or in directing his or her own life.

**Imagination and innovation:** Describe one or two creative ideas that the nominee has utilized to promote growth for himself or herself or for individuals with disabilities.

## Nomination Process FAQs

### **What characteristics and accomplishments are you looking for in a Community Award candidate?**

Community Award recipients are role models who demonstrate a commitment to individuals with disabilities. We seek to honor those who made life better through their efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities and those with disabilities whose lives serve as an example for others.

### **Who is eligible to receive a Community Award?**

Nominees must reside in one of the following counties: Monroe, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Schuyler, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates.

Employees and board members of The Advocacy Center, and their family members, are not eligible for the awards.

### **How do I nominate someone for a Community Award?**

Complete the nomination form and submit it along with a written summary explaining why you think your nominee should be recognized.

### **What is the Community Award nomination process?**

All of the nominations we receive are acknowledged. Award recipients are selected by a committee comprised of staff, board members, and past award recipients.

### **How are Community Award recipients honored?**

Award recipients are invited as guests to The Advocacy Center's annual Night of Hot Jazz and Cool Art. Each recipient is introduced, recognized for his or her contributions and accomplishments, and is presented with an engraved award.