

Call for Annual State Award Nominations

In every community across Indiana, we come into contact with some very wonderful teachers, parents, volunteers and service providers who help us in our pursuit to raise and educate students with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders. Please consider honoring someone who has been an inspiration to you for his or her dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of Indiana students and/or young adults with learning disabilities!

Award Categories

- **Teacher of the Year Award:** This award recognizes an outstanding Indiana teacher whose; **1)** work demonstrates his or her ability to provide a creative and positive classroom learning experience that addresses the unique educational needs, strengths and lifelong potential of students with LD/ADHD; **2)** often goes above and beyond what is normally expected in his or her profession; and **3)** who serves as a role model and inspiration to his or her colleagues. The recipient of this award may be a teacher in the special education or regular education field who works in a public or private school or college.
- **Administrator of the Year Award:** This award recognizes an outstanding Indiana administrator who; **1)** inspires the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues for his or her leadership skills and commitment to results-oriented LD/ADHD support services and programs that increase the educational opportunities for students; **2)** who demonstrates sensitivity when interacting with LD/ADHD students; and **3)** who displays an understanding of the complex legal and emotional aspect of raising and educating students with LD/ADHD. The recipient of this award may be a principal, special education director, department chair, supervisor or dean who serves in a public or private school or college.
- **Parent of the Year Award:** This award recognizes an Indiana parent or guardian of a child or an adult with a learning disability or attention deficit disorder who; **1)** through his or her professional or volunteer work shares selflessly of his or her time to encourage, support or assist other parents and/or professionals; and/or **2)** promotes an understanding and acceptance of students or young adults with LD/ADHD within their own school system, community or on a statewide level.
- **Outstanding Service Award:** This award recognizes an outstanding Indiana service provider (local or state) who strives to provide a support service, product or program that improves the education, employment, or general well being of students or young adults with a learning disability and/or attention deficit disorder, or for their families by one or more of the following: **1)** provides a results-oriented LD/ADHD psychological or educational service, program or product; **2)** serves as a local or state resource provider; **3)** advocates through legislative or public awareness activities that enhance the general public knowledge regarding the unique needs, strengths and lifelong potential of individuals with LD/ADHD at school, in the workplace or living in their community; or **4)** who has contributed to the success and mission of the LDA of Indiana. The recipient of this award may be an individual or a business, organization, school, college, agency, or service group.

Awards Selection & Recognition:

The awards committee will review all nominations received to select a winner and the award recipients will be recognized during our Annual State LD & ADHD Conference in November. Award winners will be notified via postal mail by October 1st. All nominees not selected for an award will receive a special recognition card to acknowledge their nomination.

Nomination Deadline:

Nominations and Letters of Recommendation must be submitted by September 30th.

Submission:

Complete our On-Line Form: www.LDAofIndiana.org
Have a questions? Email us at: Awards@LDAofIndiana.org

Sincerely,

LDA of Indiana
Awards Selection Committee

Guidelines for Submitting a Nomination for: Teacher of the Year Award

Information you will need to provide to complete our on-line form.

1) Provide the Nominees Information:

- First and last Name.
- Home address, city, state and zip code.
- Home phone with area code.
- Work phone with area code.
- Email address.
- Current title or position.
- Years in the education field.
- Name of the Indiana School where he/she is employed.
- Name of school district or corporation.
- Principal's name.

2) Provide the Nominators Information:

- First and last name.
- Your title or position.
- Your relationship to the individual.
- Home address, city, state and zip code.
- Home phone with area code.
- Work phone with area code.
- Email address.

3) Tell us about the nominee and why you think he or she should receive our "Teacher of the Year Award" by answering the questions below. Try to give specific examples to help us see the nominee through your eyes. You can write your answers to the question on you own computer, then "cut and paste" the answers into the on-line form.

- a) Describe in 500 words or less, how the nominees work demonstrates his or her ability to provide a creative and positive classroom learning experience that addresses the unique educational needs, strengths and lifelong potential of students with LD/ADHD.
- b) Describe in 250 words or less, how the nominee goes above and beyond what is normally expected in his or her profession.
- c) Describe in 250 words or less, how the nominee serves as a role model and inspiration to his or her colleagues.

* Home numbers and email address are required if we need to contact you after hours or on a weekend.

Complete our On-Line Nomination at: www.LDAofIndiana.org

Deadline: September 30th. Please refer to the cover letter for more nomination details.

All contact information provided will be treated with confidentiality by the LDA of Indiana Board & Awards Committee Members.

Guidelines for Submitting a Letter of Recommendation

Information you will need to provide to complete our on-line form.

A Letter of Recommendation maybe submitted after an original nomination has been completed.

- 1) The nominees first and last name.
- 2) The award category they are being nominated for.
- 3) The first and last name of the person who submitted the original nomination.
- 4) Your Information:
 - First and last name.
 - Your title or position if applicable.
 - Home address, city, state and zip code.
 - Home phone with area code.
 - Work phone with area code.
 - Email address.
 - Your relationship to the individual.
- 5) Your "Letter of Recommendation"
In 500 words or less, tell us about the nominee and provide specific examples of why the nominee should be considered for this award.

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