

Call for Student Award Nominations

The Learning Disability Association of Indiana is now accepting award nominations for our annual state Student of the Year Awards and College Scholarship Award

This is your opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of Indiana students with learning disability or attention deficit disorder, even the “C” students! Let them know that you recognize their daily struggles, as well as their achievements as they pursue their academic and life goals - let them know that they are an inspiration to you!

Award recipients will be recognized during our Annual State LD & ADHD Conference in November. All nominations not selected for an award will be acknowledged with a special recognition card.

Award Categories:

- Elementary Student of the Year (1st – 5th grades)
- Middle/Jr High Student of the Year (6th – 9th grades)
- High School Student of the Year (10th – 12th grades)
- College Scholarship - \$1,000 Award (High School Seniors & current College Students)
High school seniors may be nominated for the High School Student of the Year Award *and* the College Scholarship Award. However, each nomination must be submitted separately with letters of recommendations in order to be considered for each award level.

Student Eligibility:

- The student must be a resident of Indiana.
- The student must be diagnosed with a documented Learning Disability (LD) and/or Attention Defect Disorder (ADD/ADHD) which is the student’s Primary disability as indicated on the students IEP, 504 Plan or psychological evaluation report. * Students who have difficulty learning which is primarily the result of Autism, Asperger’s syndrome, mental or emotional disorders, hearing or vision loss, intellectual, motor disorders, etc., are not eligible.
- The student may attend a public, private or parochial school, college or university.

Disability Documentation:

- If selected for an award, the student will be required to provide documentation of his/her Learning Disability and/or Attention Defect Disorder by submitting a copy of his/her educational plan, such as an Individual Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan, or a psychological evaluation report indicating the LD or ADHD disability/diagnosis from a professional qualified to make such a diagnosis.
- Do not include any disability documentation with the nomination materials. It will be requested if the student is selected for an award.

Student Nomination and Letters of Recommendations:

- Student Nominations may be made by a parent or guardian, teacher, professor, principal or other school personnel, employer, community leader or service provider.
- Letters of Recommendations from individuals who know the student well are welcomed but must be submitted by September 30th. Please use our Letter of Recommendation Form via our website and review the Guideline page for information needed.

Nomination Deadline:

- Nomination materials must be received by September 30th. Questions – Email us at: Awards@LDAofIndiana.org

Submission:

- Complete our On-Line Form: www.LDAofIndiana.org . Review the Guideline page for information needed.

Sincerely,

LDA of Indiana
Awards Selection Committee

Guidelines for Submitting Student Award Nomination

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

1) Choose the Award category:

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| Elementary Student of the Year Award | (1st - 5th grade Students) |
| Middle/Jr High School Student of the Year Award | (6th - 9th grade Students) |
| High School Student of the Year Award | (10th - 12th grade Students) |
| College Scholarship Award | (High School Seniors and Current College Students) |

2) Provide the Students Information:

First and last name

Students "Primary" Disability – choose one:

- Learning Disability
- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Learning Disability and Attention Defect Disorder

How can the student's disability be verified? – choose one:

- Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Section 504 Plan
- No Plan/School Services - Professional Diagnosis Report

Grade the student is in this school year

Student's age

Name of the current school

Principal's name

Name of school district or corporation

Student's home address, city, and zip code

Student's home phone

Name of the students parent(s)

For the College Scholarship Award, we will need to know:

The name of the college or university they plan to attend and if they have received an acceptance letter to attend.

3) Provide Your Information:

First and last name

Your title or position

Your relationship to the student

Home address, city, state and zip code

Home phone

Work phone

Email address

4) Your Student Nomination:

Tell us why you think the student should receive our Student of the Year or College Scholarship Award by answering the questions below. Help us "see" the student's life at school, at home and their community. You can write your answers to the question on you own computer, then "cut and paste" your answers into the on-line form.

1. Describe in 250 words or less the types of challenges the student faces living with LD or ADHD.
2. Describe in 500 words or less how the student demonstrates academic perseverance, positive attitude, integrity, self-advocacy skills, etc., and how he/she serve as a role model/inspiration to you or other students/adults in his/her life.
3. Describe in 100 words or less the student's aspirations for his/her future academic, career and life goals.

Also, briefly include any personal student merits.

A) Extracurricular Activities (athletics, organizations, hobbies, clubs, plays, 4-H, etc.)

B) Special Talents (artist, writer, actor, singer, ability to encourage/inspire others, etc.)

C) Community/School Involvement (academic and non-academic certificates/awards, leadership roles, volunteer or charity work, etc.)

D) Work or Employment (babysitting, mowing grass, or any other type of paid employment/work experiences, etc.)

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

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



Guidelines for Submitting Student Award Letters 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 students first and last name.
- 2) The first and last name of the person who submitted the original nomination.
- 3) Your Information:
 - First and last name
 - Your title or position
 - Your relationship to the student
 - Home phone
 - Work phone
 - Email address
- 4) Your "Letter of Recommendation"
This is your opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of an Indiana student with a learning disability or attention deficit disorder. In 500 words or less, tell us about the student and why you feel he/she should be considered for a student award.

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

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