



Award Categories and Criteria for 2020

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, September 28th, 2020.

Award winners will be honored at our Virtual Awards Banquet on

Wednesday, November 4th at 3:30pm CST via Zoom.

Virtual invitation and details will be emailed to all registered attendees.

Agency of Distinction

Honors a public or private community organization that provides exemplary supports and demonstrates a commitment to community inclusion for people with disabilities.

Community Service

Honors an individual or group who has demonstrated commitment to the mission and positions of The Arc by volunteering time locally or on a statewide basis to enhance opportunities for people with disabilities or working on special projects or events.

Exemplary Educator

Honors a Tennessee educator or leader in education who has demonstrated excellence in providing for the education of students with developmental and other disabilities. Nominees for this award may include teachers, principals, administrators, school board members, college faculty or researchers.

Inclusive Employer

Honors a Tennessee employer with an exceptional record of providing inclusive community employment opportunities and accommodations for people with disabilities.

Public Awareness

Honors outstanding efforts by state and local media entities or individuals that create better public understanding of people with disabilities. The award recognizes a variety of broadcast, print, and internet mass media, including – television, radio, newspapers, magazines, books, podcasts, and blogs.

Work Initiative

Honors a person(s) with disabilities who shows the initiative to start and/or operate his/her/their own business or an employee with a disability who has had a positive impact on their work environment.

Self-determination

Honors an outstanding self-advocate who is a role model for others.

Promising Young Leader

Honors an individual (under age 22) or a group whose members are age 22 or younger, who have demonstrated outstanding leadership potential as seen in volunteer efforts on special projects or events that enhance opportunities for people with disabilities in their community.

The Ruth Roberts Memorial

Honors a sibling (brother or sister) of a person with a disability who, through their community involvement and advocacy efforts, creates an environment that fosters inclusion for all.

Direct Support Professional (DSP) Above and Beyond

Honors a DSP with \$500 whose first allegiance is to the person he/she supports, who demonstrates the DSP Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics can be found here: <http://www.thearctn.org/DSP-Code-of-Ethics.php>



AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please check the Award Category for this Nomination and complete all fields:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agency of Distinction | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Initiative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-determination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary Educator | <input type="checkbox"/> Promising Young Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive Employer | <input type="checkbox"/> The Ruth Roberts Memorial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Support Professional (DSP) |

Name of Nominee: _____

Title or Position (if any): _____

Organization/Agency (if any): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Using the descriptors for the award category, describe the activities and characteristics of the nominee and tell why the nominee is deserving of this award. Use additional sheets, if needed. You may also submit legible relevant news clippings, letters, photographs or other supporting documents.

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Title/Position (if any): _____ County: _____

Agency or Local Chapter of The Arc (if any): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS Monday, Sept. 28th – EMAIL, FAX OR MAIL TO:

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