



New Hampshire Governor's Commission on Disability

"Removing Barriers to Equality"



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NH Governor's Accessibility Awards Criteria and 2015 Nomination Form

The Governor's Commission on Disability invites you to nominate an employer (either a for-profit or non-profit business), an individual (State Employee and/or Legislator), a community impact project, or an individual for the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is presented each year to recognize the outstanding accomplishments and leadership within a business, organization or individual that supports independence, inclusiveness, and accessible environments and services for individuals with disabilities. These awards recognize achievements and/or demonstrate the efforts that go above and beyond normal requirements and business responsibilities in any or all of the following criteria:

- Providing contributions and advocacy efforts of a significant nature on behalf of persons with disabilities living in New Hampshire
- Helping to make a positive and significant difference in the lives of persons with disabilities living in New Hampshire
- Making substantial efforts at inclusion or integration of persons with disabilities into the life of the community and/or their respective organization or work environment.
- A leadership role working towards a variety of steps and actions to ensure that people with disabilities are afforded the same opportunities in life as people without disabilities
- A project(s) that implement universal design principles and service accessibility that goes beyond the minimum legal definition of accessibility
- Involvement in government or private sector to improve programs / services for individuals with disabilities
- Showing leadership in advocacy and implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

An effective nomination will consist of one typed page explaining the professional and/or civic involvement histories of the nominee or group of nominees. Specifically, please provide examples of initiatives or activities which the individual, or group of individuals, have accomplished. While the commitment to excellence may be over a prolonged period of time, there must be a tangible achievement or accomplishment within the nomination year. Remember your audience does not know anything about the nominee; thorough explanations are critical to writing a great nomination.

**NH Governor's Accessibility Awards 2015
Nominee Contact Information
Deadline April 13, 2015**

Submit to: The Governor's Commission on Disability, 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301 and write: ATTN: Award Nomination on envelope or email to: joyce.lanier@nh.gov.

Name of Business, Individual, or Community Project: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee's Organization/Affiliation/Business: _____

Please check which category your nomination falls in:

_____ NH Business (non-profit organization and/or for-profit business)

_____ Individual and/or State Employee and/or Legislator

_____ Community impact project

_____ Lifetime Achievement Award

Organization/person submitting nomination: _____

Phone number _____ e-mail _____

Please submit this form with your one page typed explanation of the professional and/or civic involvement histories of the nominee or group of nominees. Specifically, please provide examples of initiatives or activities which the individual, or group of individuals, have accomplished.