Award Categories and Criteria for 2020

The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 10, 2020. Award winners will be honored at our Awards Banquet on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 6:00 pm at the Nashville Airport Marriott.

**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](http://www.thearctn.org/DSP-Code-of-Ethics.php)
AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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

☐ Agency of Distinction  ☐ Work Initiative
☐ Community Service  ☐ Self-determination
☐ Exemplary Educator  ☐ Promising Young Leader
☐ Inclusive Employer  ☐ The Ruth Roberts Memorial
☐ Public Awareness  ☐ 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.
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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 Friday APRIL 10, 2019 – EMAIL, FAX OR MAIL TO:

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