

The Phoenix Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues and the Equal Opportunity Department

2016 Disability Awards and Recognition Event Call for Nominations



City of Phoenix

Recognizing ability, advocacy, access and achievements since 1993, the Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues and the city of Phoenix are proud sponsors of the Disability Awards and Recognition Event (D.A.R.E.). The event honors exceptional individuals with disabilities, employers of individuals with disabilities and others that have shown dedication to the access and functional needs community. The ceremony also recognizes commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents and visitors of Phoenix. It is our hope that this annual event will inspire others to emulate the honorees and provide a fully accessible Phoenix for everyone. We invite you to be a part of this special event.

ARCHITECTURAL AWARD

Recognizes a constituency, architect, developer, builder, planner, group or city department that has removed barriers and created full access to public/private buildings, outdoor space, thoroughfares, etc., for full inclusion of individuals with disabilities and/or made life easier through accessible transportation options.

BUSINESS AWARDS (two awards)

The Proprietary/For-Profit Business Award honors a company/business that maintains a diverse workforce by hiring persons with disabilities and/or offers full access to products or services to all customers, including those with disabilities.

The Non-Profit Organization Award honors a non-profit organization or government that maintains and implements within its mission, opportunities for full inclusion in all organizational activities. Such activities may include but not be limited to providing products or services, offering community based events, or personal development or growth activities that lead to employment or other specific types of outcomes.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution by providing and/or improving personal and community support for individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to providing independence through more choice, information and control, advocacy efforts or improving the social participation of people with disabilities.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

This award honors an outstanding instructor, teacher or support person who recognizes and exercises his or her responsibility for the inclusion of all learners and has made extraordinary efforts to meet the needs of the students with disabilities in or outside the classroom through the use of innovative approaches.

DET. OLSEN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Also known as the **Pride of Phoenix Award**, which recognizes an individual, group or organization that has demonstrated a lifetime of commitment to those with disabilities, and helped advance the full inclusion of all people in our community.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ Nominees must work, live and/or impact people in Phoenix.
- ✓ Nominations must have current and accurate contact information for both nominee and nominator with a complete description of the full scope of activities and breadth of influence or achievement.
- ✓ Nominations are reviewed by an independent committee based on written submissions and community impact and scored using a point system.

AWARD CATEGORY (select only one category)

- Architectural Business Community Service
 Outstanding Educator Pride of Phoenix

On a separate sheet of paper:

1. Describe the nominee and how they have achieved the accomplishments that make them eligible for the award. (Consider: impacted, changed, enhanced, achieved, allowed, provided.) Please give examples.
2. Provide details that would further support this nomination (i.e., background information of nominee, duties, obstacles, contributions, time involved, other achievements, etc.).
 Check if additional letter(s) of support and/or CV/resumé are attached.
Deadline for nominations is **Thursday, Aug. 25th.**

For more additional information or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Peter Fischer at:

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Nominee's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Nominator's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Relationship to the Nominee _____