

Milestones 2016 Award Nomination Form

Deadline: February 1, 2016

Milestones Autism Resources annually awards **parents, professionals, and teens** who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving others. Awards are presented at our annual June Conference.

Individuals may nominate as many people as they wish. A separate form is required for each nominee. Individuals may not nominate a family member. Nominee must reside in Ohio.

Please select one of the following award categories:

_____ **Community Innovator Award** For an individual who has made a profound impact on the community at large by creating innovative services or products that benefit those with special needs

_____ **Parent Tribute Award** For a parent who has gone above and beyond their own child, such as developing resources or services

_____ **Personal Achievement Award** For a person with autism who has achieved individual excellence in accomplishing a personal goal or milestone (no age requirement)

_____ **Professional Excellence Award** For a professional who has extended her or himself to make a difference in the lives of children and families

_____ **Teen Trailblazer Award** For a teen who has been a role model and inspiration to others in the community

Person You Are Nominating: _____

Nominee's Title, Affiliation & Credentials: _____

Nominee's Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Your Name: _____ Connection to Nominee: _____

Your Title, Affiliation & Credentials: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

This form and narrative will be the only information Milestones receives about the nominee so it is important that you include a detailed explanation of why this person is deserving of the award.

Nomination Narrative: Please submit up to 2 single-spaced pages using the bulleted items below to guide your nomination.

- Describe in detail the nominee's personal/professional accomplishments and any obstacles he/she has overcome to reach the goal of helping others.

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- Include information about how the nominee has demonstrated leadership abilities and/or the ability to serve as a role model for others.
- Provide examples of how the nominee has impacted the lives of individuals with autism/special needs and in what settings they have worked.
- Explain any volunteer work the nominee has participated in outside of or in addition to his/her job responsibilities.
- Tell about how the nominee has created solutions to problems or challenges faced by individual with special needs by creating innovative services, programming or products.
- Describe how the nominee has helped to educate, inform and build awareness of the special needs population within their own community.

Selection Process: All award nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by Milestones Honoree Selection Committee. Award recipients will be notified in the spring of 2016. Winners will be recognized at Milestones 14th Annual Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference and will receive a complimentary conference registration.

Please submit completed form and narrative to Leslie Rotsky at lrotsky@milestones.org or by fax to 216.464.7602.