



RHODE ISLAND'S 2018 SELF-ADVOCACY AWARDS INFORMATION AND NOMINATION FORM



We invite you to nominate individuals for Rhode Island's 2018 Self-Advocacy Awards. This is a great opportunity to let Self-Advocates and friends who support the RI Self-Advocacy Movement know how much you appreciate them! While we appreciate positive self-esteem, you may not nominate yourself. Previous award winners are also not eligible.

Nominations are due by Friday, October 5th. Winners will be notified in advance and formally recognized during the awards luncheon at RI's 23rd Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference, **WHY NOT!?!?**, which takes place on Thursday, October 25th, 2018, at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick.

Award winners, and the person who nominates them, will receive a free Conference Day Registration. Each winner will also receive 2 complimentary tickets to the luncheon awards ceremony for their guests. Additional tickets to the awards ceremony are available for \$25 per person. Space is limited!

> THE 2018 SELF-ADVOCACY AWARD CATEGORIES <

The Broken Record Award



We call this the "broken record" award because it reminds us of a person who doesn't take "NO" for an answer. They may keep repeating the same message over and over again because it's something they believe in.

This award is given to a Self-Advocate who is good at speaking up for themselves and others. If you know a person with a disability who is very determined, sticks to their beliefs and follows their dreams, please nominate them for this award. After all, speaking up about the things that are important in life is what Self-Advocacy is all about!

The Leadership Award



This award is given to a Self-Advocate, or Self-Advocacy group, that has demonstrated genuine leadership qualities. While many Self-Advocates are great at speaking up for themselves, leaders are those people who also help others to find and use their own voice. The things that a genuine leader does, and the way that they live their lives, make a positive difference for others who have a developmental disability.

We give this award to remember past leaders of the Rhode Island Self-Advocacy Movement who are no longer with us, and to honor the leaders of today. If you know one of those leaders, we hope you'll nominate them for this award!

The Friend of Self-Advocacy Award



There are some people here in Rhode Island who do a lot to support Self-Advocacy, but they never "blow their own horn". These friends volunteer their time and go above and beyond to help individuals and local Self-Advocacy groups grow.

If you know someone who fits that description, we hope you'll nominate them so they can be recognized at this year's Self-Advocacy conference!

> **CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS** <

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