

The Arc's Annual Awards – 2016
NOMINATION CATEGORIES

1. OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

To be given to an individual, faculty or administrator who exemplifies outstanding dedication towards meeting the needs of students with intellectual and related developmental disabilities.

2. LARRY SHARP SERVICE AWARD

To be given to a person, organization or business in the community who has contributed in a major way toward the goals and projects of The Arc. This could be through fund raising, programs, or support of an individual with an intellectual or related developmental disability.

3. CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Given to a member of The Arc who is in good standing and who exemplifies outstanding dedication through volunteer work with The Arc; one who has given of their time, energy and/or their financial support to improve the lives of people with intellectual or other related developmental disabilities. To be selected by the Chairman of The Arc for their support and efforts during his/her term.

4. COMMUNITY AWARENESS AWARD

To be given to an individual, organization, business, newspaper or one who has contributed in a major way to make the community aware of the goals of The Arc and to help educate the public about the needs and prevention of intellectual and related developmental disabilities.

5. ADVOCACY AWARD

To be given to an individual, organization, agency or business that has contributed in a major way in advocating for greater opportunities for individuals with intellectual or related developmental disabilities, by individual advocacy for a specific individual or systems advocacy seeking changes in programs, supports, rules or laws, or by leadership in advocacy efforts for individuals with disabilities.

6. FAMILY OF THE YEAR

A family that has supported The Arc's effort through their hard work which helped The Arc achieve their goals through fund raising, supported employment efforts or volunteering for recreation programs, committees, The Arc board, etc.

7. OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER AWARD

To be given to an employer who exhibits understanding and encouragement of individuals with intellectual and related developmental disabilities through hiring and training them for success on the job. This award has been given as the "Role Model of the Year" award because the employer served this important role.

8. OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE AWARD

To be given to an employee who has an intellectual or related developmental disability and who exemplifies the desired achievements of successful employment (to be verified by his/her employer).

9. JAMES PATTERSON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

A special award given to a volunteer to recognize their long years of service and a contribution of time and energies to promote the organization.

10. BARBARA PENROD AWARD

This award is given in loving memory of Barbara Penrod, who gave tirelessly of her time, and her outstanding contribution to the movement of The Arc. This award is the highest honor to be given to an individual who has given outstanding service over a long period of time to The Arc and has made significant contributions to the total growth and programmatic efforts of The Arc's goals and mission statement. **Selected by Board of Directors.** Recommendations requested. This award is not given every year.