

Bright Star Award: Distinguished Educator

Application Deadline: **June 28, 2024**

Each year the Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities is proud to bestow our "Bright Star Awards". These awards celebrate and acknowledge the achievements and contributions that individuals make in their community, as well as recognize individuals within the state who have contributed to the disability sector.

The Bright Star Distinguished Educator Award recognizes outstanding performance by individuals identified by their peers and community as having consistently excelled in the field of disabilities within the education system.

Eligibility:

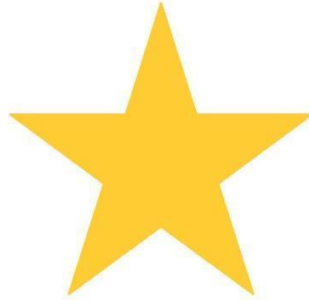
The award is given to individuals making remarkable, evident and specific contributions in the disability community and proactively supports people with developmental disabilities and their families at the local, state, or national level. **Please note: Award winners from previous year(s) are ineligible.**

To qualify for this award, a person must:

- ***Worked as an education professional and in the education field for at least two (2) years.***
- ***Have sustained involvement within the field of disabilities and a strong commitment to the mission and values of their educational organization.***

The nominee must demonstrate **at least one** of the following:

- Excellence in leadership in education at the local, regional, state, or national level(s).
- Outstanding achievement in the education field
- Excellence in teaching
- Excellence in curriculum development
- Excellence in research
- Champion a cause
- Mentorship
- Excellent performance
- Ingenuity and/or innovation



The Nomination Process:

Award winners will be selected by the Bright Star Awards Committee. **Winners will be notified around July 12, 2024. Awards will be presented on September 19, 2024, during the Wyoming Developmental Disabilities Conference Annual Bright Star Awards Banquet.**

Required Documentation to be submitted for consideration:

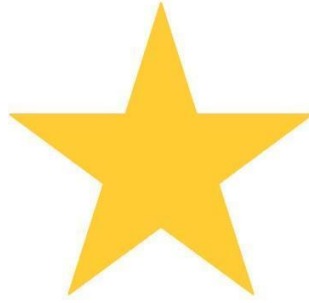
- Nomination form
- Application
- Any necessary documents that provide evidence of the nominee's excellence, such as:
 - Historical qualifications
 - Other awards received
 - Memberships, councils, boards, commissions, affiliations, etc.

Please email completed forms to wg addedd.wyo.gov. Excerpts from the nomination forms will be used in recognition of the nominee.

Criteria: The Bright Star Award recipients will have made a significant impact in the disability community through outstanding dedication, exceptional performance, excellent service, and ingenuity.

Evaluating and Scoring will be based on the following:

- Advocacy efforts
- Leadership
- Service
- Impact and contributions
- Innovative and unique efforts
- Involvement within their local community, region, and/or the state.



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NOMINATED BY:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NOMINEE:

Nominee's Name: _____

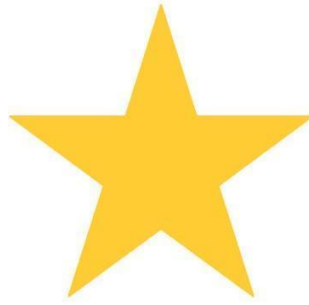
Nominee's Contact Person (if applicable): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Brief Biography (1-3 paragraphs) of Nominee:



3. List or name the accomplishments toward the goals of independence, productivity, inclusion, and self-determination.

4. What about this particular nominee seems special or important to you?