



Illinois Association for Education and Rehabilitation
of the Blind and Visually Impaired - IAER



**2026 Community Partner Award
Nomination Form**

Please consider my nomination for the following business, agency or individual for this award.

Sponsor

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home phone:

Work phone:

E-mail address:

Business or Agency Nominee:

Individual Nominee:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Contact Person:

Email address:

Be sure to review the selection criteria for this award on the next page. The following documents should be included for nomination:

- Completed application form
- A Letter of Nomination
- At least one additional letter of support.

Submit via e-mail by **December 22, 2025** to:

Sara Edwards

Email: loveisblind0511@gmail.com

Subject Line: IAER Award Nomination



IAER Community Partner – “Above & Beyond” Award



Selection Criteria and Procedure:

The IAER Community Partner – Above and Beyond Award is designed to honor an individual, business or organization – not necessarily in the blindness field – who through their efforts has provided unique opportunities for children or adults who are blind or visually impaired.

Nominees for the Above & Beyond Award should be individuals or agencies who have demonstrated any of the following:

- Shown exceptional and innovative efforts that have enhanced access to the community for children or adults who are blind or visually impaired.
- Offered specialized programming or experiences for students or adults over a period of time, that isn't typical of their usual services.
- Provided opportunities for internships, job shadowing, and/or employment for persons with visual impairments.
- Significantly affected the lives of persons with visual impairments through their services.

This award may be presented to up to three individuals/agencies each year.

Nominations and accompanying documents should be received by **December 22, 2025**.