



New Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.

An Advocacy and Service Organization

Award Nomination Form

To: NJAD Members

Subject: 2025 NJAD Awards

The Award Committee of New Jersey Association of the Deaf is asking you to nominate a friend, neighbor, or fellow resident who you believe may be a deserving candidate for one of the following awards to be presented at the Biennial State Conference. These awards honor individuals from the community whose extraordinary service and achievements within the community merit individual recognition.

By recognizing valuable contributions made by individuals or organizations, NJAD encourages more citizens to become involved in the community services/programs for the deaf. NJAD members may nominate individual(s) and/or organization(s). Please review the form and all categories of awards. It is important to complete the form including three names of NJAD members making the nomination. Incomplete form will not be processed. The committee will review all nomination forms and use a voting process to select the final nominee for each award.

All nomination forms should be mailed to NJAD Attn: Awards PO Box 132, Edgewater, NJ 07020 or emailed to stateconference@deafnjad.org by **October 1, 2025**.

Any questions concerning the nomination process can be addressed by contacting us at stateconference@deafnjad.org.



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Awards & Certificates

Albert G. Barnabei Memorial Service Award

This is NJAD's prestigious award being given to one NJAD member who provides and continues outstanding voluntary service toward NJAD and the deaf community. This award is given only to NJAD members.

Appreciation Certificate

This certificate is given to a person who shows sensitivity and awareness toward Deaf community, and whose efforts provided equal access in the hearing community to allow deaf people's participation. This certificate is also a gesture of gratitude, or a thankful recognition given to a person whose action, involvement, or voluntary raise the bar in quality, value, significance, or magnitude of the program, services, event or concept; language, history, and identity; or media including arts, literature, and entertainment that involve Deaf people and Deaf community.

Distinguished Service Award

An award is given to a service/organization/business who has demonstrated excellence, standing above others in servicing the Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals.

Humanitarian Award

This award is given to a person who is having concern for or helping to improve the welfare and happiness of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing population. His/her action may also be pertaining to special group(s) within the population; saving human lives or to the alleviation of suffering from oppression, discrimination due to hearing loss and/or cultural identity and deprivation of communication and social contact; or actively engaged and devoted to the promotion of human welfare and advance, of social reforms through profession, advocacy, and charity.

NJAD Unsung Hero Award

This award is given to Deaf person who voluntarily works "behind the scene" and rarely seeks a leadership or chairperson role; and/or whose volunteer work is sent beyond the call of duty for the betterment of the Deaf community. The recipient must be Deaf and NJAD member of more than 3 years.

Special Recognition Certificate

A certificate of Special Recognition is given to a person who deserves attention or acknowledgement of this person's achievement, service, and merit that pertains to Deaf community.



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Nomination Information

To make a nomination, please complete the nomination form below. Additional pages may be attached.

I hereby nominate (Full Name of Nominee): _____

Is the nominee an: ☐ Individual
 ☐ Organization

For the (specify Award):

- ☐ Albert G. Barnabei Memorial Service Award
- ☐ Appreciation Certificate
- ☐ Distinguished Service Award
- ☐ Humanitarian Award
- ☐ NJAD Unsung Hero Award
- ☐ Special Recognition Certificate

Please see the space below to describe the nominee and his/her contribution relevant to the criteria of the Award that you selected. Describe the service activity performed.

1. What are the major contributions of this person program to the community (or the organization worked for)?

2. Were there any unusual difficulties or circumstances this person had to overcome?



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Nominator Information

All nominators **must be a NJAD member** in good standing to nominate a person or organization.

1. Nominator's Full Name (you): _____

Your Email Address: _____

2. Nominator's Full Name (other): _____

Email Address: _____

3. Nominator's Full Name (other): _____

Email Address: _____

This form should be emailed, received, or postmarked by
Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Mail this completed form to: **NJAD, Attn: Awards**
PO Box 132
Edgewater, NJ 07020

Or email the completed PDF file to stateconference@deafnjad.org

Or go to website to fill out the form: www.deafnjad.org/29stateconference