



New Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.

An Advocacy and Service Organization

To: NJAD Members

The NJAD Biennial State Conference is near and the Award Committee is seeking nomination for the 2021 NJAD Awards. 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 has given out various awards and certificates listed below.

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 voting process to select the final nominee for each award. You may photocopy the nomination form for each person/organization.

All nomination forms must be mailed to: NJAD Conference, c/o Kathy Reese, PO Box 6871, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. Postmarked before **October 1, 2021**.

Albert G. Barnabei Memorial Service Award

This is NJAD's prestigious award be 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.

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 be 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 human welfare and advancement, of social reforms through profession, advocacy and charity.

NAD Golden Hand Award

This award be given to any individual or organization for ongoing (active & current) outstanding and innovative service efforts to enhance the lives of Deaf people in their community on local or state level on a voluntarily basis. **(Nominated by NAD Board)**

NJAD Unsung Hero Award

This award be given to Deaf person who voluntarily work "behind the scene" and rarely seeks a leadership or chairperson role; and/or whose volunteer work went 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 be given to a person who deserves attention or acknowledge of this person's achievement, service, merit that pertains to Deaf community.

Appreciation Certificate

This certificate is given to person(s) who show(s) 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.