

# CALL FOR NDSC ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

## WHO MAY NOMINATE?

Nominations may be submitted by any person or organization wishing to direct the attention of the NDSC's board of directors to outstanding achievement.

In its selection, the board of directors will not necessarily be restricted to those programs or individuals, but may consider reports of outstanding achievement from other sources, and may, on its own initiative, select an award recipient.

## AWARD GUIDELINES

- Does the program, publication or individual promote a positive image of people with Down syndrome?
- Does it accentuate abilities, not disability?
- Does it focus on people, not on the condition of DS?
- Does it celebrate diversity?
- Does it use people first language?
- Does it enhance the dignity of people with DS?
- Does it avoid stereotyping?
- Does it present accurate information?
- Does it recognize the value of persons with DS?

## NDSC ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

### Person submitting nomination *(required to consider submission)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a "description of outstanding achievement"**  
on a separate sheet of paper along with supporting material for the award.

Nominee name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is Monday, March 2, 2009**

(No nomination material will be returned).

### Check category

(refer to criteria above)

- Exceptional Meritorious Service Award
- Employer of the Year Award
- Meritorious Service Award
- Christian Pueschel Memorial Research Award
- National Parent Group Award
- Christian Pueschel Memorial Citizen Award
- Theodore D. Tjossem Research Award
- National Media Award (specify)
  - Television
  - Radio
  - Print
- Education Award

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009.**

## **SUBMITTING A NOMINATION**

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A nomination form must accompany each nomination. The following form may be reproduced locally. All nomination forms and supporting materials must be submitted by mail, email, fax or overnight delivery to:

NDSC Center  
1370 Center Dr., #102  
Atlanta, GA 30338  
1-770-604-9898 (fax)  
or [info@ndscenter.org](mailto:info@ndscenter.org)

## **PRESENTATION**

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All awards will be presented at the NDSC Annual Convention in Sacramento, CA, on Saturday evening, August 1, 2009.

## **AWARD CATEGORIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

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### **Exceptional Meritorious Service Award**

This award recognizes an individual whose service and contributions to people with DS and their families have had local, state and national significance.

### **Employer of the Year Award**

This award recognizes an employer for efforts in creating employment opportunities for people with DS.

### **Meritorious Service Award**

This award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contributions to the NDSC.

### **Christian Pueschel Memorial Research Award**

This award recognizes research, which has contributed to greater knowledge and understanding of DS.

### **National Parent Group Award**

This award recognizes an affiliate parent group of the NDSC, which has performed outstanding service on behalf of people with DS and their families. Parent groups will be judged on advocacy services, relationship to the NDSC, support to families, fundraising activities and local and regional programs and services.

### **Christian Pueschel Memorial Citizen Award**

This award recognizes an individual with DS whose achievements, service and contributions have enhanced the value and dignity of people with DS and their families.

### **Theodore D. Tjossem Research Award**

This award recognizes an individual(s) whose research contributes to the understanding of DS or whose research improves the lives of people with DS or their families.

### **National Media Award**

This award honors outstanding national media efforts, which create better understanding of DS and people with DS. The award recognizes programs on network television and radio, national publications, serials and syndicated columns. National Media Awards may be presented for the categories of television, radio and print. The media efforts must have been broadcast or published between April 1, 2008, and February 28, 2009.

### **Education Award**

This award recognizes outstanding performance on behalf of students with DS. Nominees will be judged by their demonstrated leadership and innovation in creating or advancing best educational practices for students with DS.