

The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities Monthly Awards Criteria

The purpose of the Mayor's Committee for Person's with Disabilities monthly awards shall be to recognize those persons or entities that have had a significant and/or positive impact on the lives of persons with disabilities.

A significant positive impact could include, but is not limited to: enabling a person with disabilities to enjoy increased quality of life, equalization or mainstreaming within the community; improving a person with disabilities skills in areas such as marketable skills within the workplace; socialization, self esteem; increased opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate in recreational or leisure activities; provide increased levels of accessibility for activities within the community; and promote or advocate the needs, training or employment of persons with disabilities within the community.

There shall be a monthly awards subcommittee to review all nominations and to recommend appropriate action to the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities. The City Hall staff liaison shall serve as an ex-officio member and shall coordinate a monthly meeting of the subcommittee. The Chairman of the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities shall serve on the subcommittee and shall appoint two other members to serve an annual term. Members will meet at 11 AM on the third Friday of the month at City Hall unless otherwise notified.

Monthly Awards may be nominated in the following categories:

Individual Distinguished Service: a person or group that has participated, promoted or contributed to the extent that their activity has had a positive significant impact on the life or lives of persons with disabilities.

Support Group – a non profit or public agency that has participated, promoted or contributed above and beyond the normal scope of their mission statement to impact the lives of persons with disabilities.

Employment/Job Training: a business or group that has demonstrated recruitment efforts beyond legal requirements or their mission statement to aid a person with disabilities to gain or improve workplace skills, and/or to more fully participate equally among their peers and within society in the workplace.

Accessibility: any person/business/group/educational facility that on their own initiative increased accessibility for persons with disabilities above and beyond the legal requirements of the ADA.

Mayor's Commendation

The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville is committed to recognizing the efforts of persons or groups who have given of their time, energy and/or resources to aid persons with disabilities within our community. If you know of someone who should be recognized for helping persons with disabilities, the Mayor would like to recognize these efforts with a letter of commendation.