

CHUCK WOOD MEMORIAL AWARD

The Iowa Rehabilitation Association is seeking nominations for the Chuck Wood Memorial Award. This award is given to recognize the achievements of a person with a disability who has attained a high level of independence, self-reliance, and self-sufficiency in the community.

If you know of a person who has demonstrated achievement in his/her goal of independence in the community and personal life, we strongly encourage you to submit a nomination packet.

The Chuck Wood Award will be presented at the Iowa Rehabilitation Association Annual Conference Awards Banquet.

NOMINEE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SPONSER NAME: _____

SPONSER CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

A nomination packet may include:

- 1) One or more nomination letters
- 2) Information concerning the individual's disability
- 3) Nominee's personal achievements

Please send your nomination packet to:

Ellen Sokolowski
1005 E. 7th Street, Suite 201
Atlantic, Iowa 50022
Ellen.Sokolowski@iowa.gov

NOMNATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 15TH OF THE RESPECTIVE YEAR



National Rehabilitation Association of Job Placement and Development

Dear Rehabilitation Colleague:

The Job Placement Division of the Iowa Rehabilitation Association is soliciting nominations for the Bill Donohue Memorial Award. This award is given to the professional who has demonstrated the most outstanding effort in placing Iowans with disabilities.

The winner of the Bill Donohue Award will be presented with a plaque. The award will be presented at the Iowa Rehabilitation Association's annual meeting.

Criteria for the Award:

- I. Nominee**
 - a. Name
 - b. Title, brief job description
 - c. Address, phone number, social security number
 - d. Employer
- II. Reasons for Nomination**
 - a. Describe the nominee's involvement in placing individuals with disabilities, especially server disabilities.
 - b. Describe any innovative approaches to placement.
 - c. Describe use of community and national resources such as JPTA, The Workforce Development Center, NARC, etc.
 - d. Discuss the nominee's contribution to the field of job placement.
 - e. Submit documentation such as statement or letters from peers, consumers, cooperating agencies, supervisors and employers.
 - f. Membership in JPD, IRA or the National Rehabilitation Association is not a requisite.
- III. Nominator**
 - a. Provider name, address, phone number and job title.
 - b. Provide signature.

The winner of the Bill Donohue Award will receive his/her letter(s) of nomination.

Nominations will be accepted through September 15th of the respective year.

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IRCEA COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

SUBMIT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15TH OF RESPECTIVE YEAR

IRCEA is asking for nominations for the annual Counselor of the Year Award. We are seeking individuals who have given time and commitment beyond the call.

The nominee must be a current member of the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, and be verified as working as a Rehabilitation Counselor by an NRCA member!

The award winner will be considered for regional and national consideration as well. Please take a moment to recognize one of your peers who has demonstrated exemplary performance in their profession by completing the form below.

NOMINEE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PHONE: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

TITLE: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

MEMBER OF RCEA: _____

Signed: _____ (RCEA member signature)

Supporting documentation in addition to the above:

1. Nomination letter from the nominator stating the qualifications of the nominee.
2. Biographical information: education, special recognitions, employment background, service organization and other memberships (including NRA and divisions), examples of community service and any other professional acknowledgments.
3. Letters of support from co-workers, supervisors, clients and community organizations.

Use as many sheets as necessary to complete the application and submit to:

Please send your nomination to:
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THE GERRY BYERS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Gerry Byers spent most of his adult life dedicated to helping persons with disabilities achieve their employment goals, and to the Iowa and national Rehabilitation Association. He spent 30 plus years employed as a placement specialist for the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the Council Bluffs area. As a member of NRA/IRA he was tireless in his efforts, particularly in the area of membership. Often the recipient of a free membership in the association (but already a life member) he would donate the free membership to a new person. He rarely missed a state, regional, or training conference and throughout his tenure held several offices. He was a Bill Donohue Award recipient, and the national Margaret Fairbairn Award recipient for his exemplary achievement in job placement.

In memory of our friend who passed away Christmas Day 1998, the IRA Board of Directors has established this annual award, to be presented by the President of IRA at the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Conference.

NOMINEE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NOMINEE'S EMPLOYER: _____

JOB TITLE: _____

NOMINATING INDIVIDUAL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Nominations should include this cover page and a letter from nominating individual detailing the nominee's achievement. Letters from clients, co-workers, and other Association members are also encouraged.

CRITERIA:

1. Must be a member of the National Rehabilitation Association
2. Must be employed in the field of rehabilitation or closely related occupation relevant to persons with disabilities.
3. Demonstrated a significant impact on persons with disabilities to the Association.

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IRA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

NOMINATION FORM
(TO BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 15TH OF RESPECTIVE YEAR)

SPONSER(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

NOTICE: The committee will not have access to actual case file records.
Please provide as much information as possible.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF CANDIDATE:

Does the candidate know of this nomination? _____

Candidates date of birth: _____

Primary Disability: _____

Secondary Disability: _____

Educational Level: _____

REHABILITATION PROCESSES: Describe the service/treatment as it is related to vocational need including any special programs or facilities and the dates of the involvement.

Please provide reasons why you feel the candidate should be considered, aspects where the candidate has demonstrated progress, examples of candidates satisfaction, vocational evaluation results, etc.

CANDIDATES:

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Dates of Employment: _____

What, if any, promotions or added responsibilities have occurred?

Is the employer interested in attending the conference (at their own expense)?

Criteria for Selection:

The individual must have an identifiable disability, must have been involved on some type of rehabilitation process, must have been successfully placed in competitive or sheltered employment for at least three months, shown competency in taking care of most personal daily living skills.

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