MAC for People with Disabilities
2018 Annual Awards
Categories

**Artist**
Recognizes an artist with a disability or an artist or arts organization for creatively serving people with disabilities.

**Athlete**
Recognizes an athlete with a disability or an athlete who uses achievements in sports to promote awareness of challenges for people with disabilities.

**Communications**
Recognizes an individual or entity who positively and consistently communicates the activities and issues related to disability and who use “people first” language to create and promote positive images.

**Educator**
Recognizes a person who promotes inclusion of students with disabilities, educates creatively, and encourages the acceptance of these students in classrooms, schools, and communities.

**Employer**
Recognizes a business that hires, accommodates, supports, develops, and retains employees with disabilities.

**Family**
Recognizes family members whose persistent efforts through direct support or advocacy enhances the quality of life for his/her family member with a disability.

**Health Care**
Recognizes medical or health-related services which provide direct support by an organization or individual in a manner that displays the highest respect for people with disabilities and their families.

**Leadership**
Recognizes an individual who demonstrates leadership in promoting legislation and public policy that benefits people with disabilities.

**Organization**
Recognizes an organization or agency which meets the needs of persons with disabilities in the community in creative, innovative ways; advocates for persons with disabilities and their families, individually and systematically; and effectively networks with other organizations.

**Professional**
Recognizes a person who strongly advocates, displays keen sensitivity to issues related to disability, and whose efforts positively and significantly impact the service system and community.

**Volunteer**
Recognizes a person who demonstrates dedication, takes part in community activities benefiting persons with disabilities and their families, and increases the awareness of others concerning disability issues.

**Young Citizen**
Recognizes teenagers or young adults with disabilities who demonstrate emerging leadership, dedication to public service, or significant accomplishments in their area of interest or expertise.

**Youth Award**
Recognizes children who have impacted their family and the community by achieving their best regardless of their level of disability and who are emerging as leaders, role models and advocates.