



Nomination information for

The 2010 Jay and Rose Phillips Awards

recognizing vocational achievements of people with disabilities

The Phillips Awards recognize people with disabilities who have achieved outstanding success in their work lives and community involvement.

The Award

The Jay and Rose Phillips Award is presented annually to people with disabilities who have achieved outstanding success in their vocations. Winners receive a \$2,000 cash award and a special plaque, made possible by a grant from the Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minneapolis. Award winners are invited to a formal award presentation during the 2010 Celebration of Courage, this year set for Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center.

Purpose

The purpose of the Phillips Awards is to stimulate interest in and encourage the employment of people with disabilities by recognizing individuals with disabilities who have achieved vocational and financial independence.

About Courage Center

Courage Center is a nonprofit rehabilitation and resource center that advances the lives of children and adults experiencing barriers to health and independence. At Courage Center, we specialize in treating brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, chronic pain, autism, and disabilities experienced since birth. Founded in 1928, Minneapolis-based Courage Center offers advanced technologies and innovation provided in part through the efforts of thousands of volunteers and donors.

Eligibility

Any individual is eligible when his or her physical disability is of such severity that his or her successful continuous employment during the last three years represents a significant accomplishment. The nominees must be vocationally and financially independent. Self-employed individuals and employers are eligible if they have been working steadily for a minimum of three years and meet the above criteria. Employees of Courage Center are not eligible. The award is open to people living in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and North and South Dakota. Additional factors such as attitude, leadership, character and community involvement are also considered.

How to Nominate

Please fill out the nomination form and attach a description of why you think this individual should receive the award. Nominations are judged on:

- Number of years of employment (a minimum of three years)
- Financial independence (excluding Medical Assistance)
- Significance of employment because of severe disability
- Community activities
- Advocacy/leadership activities
- Attitude
- Supplementary information such as a resume, news clippings, photographs and letters of support

A committee made up of Courage Center staff and previous award recipients make the award selections. Winners are notified upon selection. We encourage award winners to be available to attend the Celebration of Courage event where their award is officially presented.



The 2010 Jay and Rose Phillips Awards Nomination

for people with disabilities who are employees, employers or self-employed

Nominee's Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # 1 _____ Phone # 2 _____ Email _____

Nominee's disability and how it affects him/her (please be specific):

How and when did the disability occur?

Employment

Employer Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Website _____

Supervisor Name/Title _____ Supervisor e-mail _____

Nominee's Job Title?

What is the nature of his/her duties (be specific)?

Has the nominee been continuously employed there for the past three years? Yes No

If not, where previously employed?

How long?

If nominee is an employer or self-employed, please describe business:

Does nominee receive assistance from any governmental agency? Yes No

If yes, which agency?

Education

Community Activities

Please describe any community activities candidate has engaged in, organizations, boards, or committees worked on, and give other helpful information including number of years involved:

Please include a written description/letter of recommendation detailing why you think this individual should receive the Phillips award. We also highly recommend sending supplementary information such as a resume of the nominee, news clippings, photographs and letters of support from work supervisors, community members and others who are in regular professional contact with the nominee.

Referred by _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

e-mail _____

Employer _____

How did you find out about the Phillips Awards? _____

Return nomination form(s) and any supporting materials by **Friday, June 4, 2010** to:

2010 Phillips Awards

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