

## NOMINATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 3, 2009



### Call for Nominations ~ *2009 Conference Awards*

The Southwest Conference on Disability Awards Committee invites you to submit nominations for the 2009 conference awards to recognize individuals or organizations. These individuals have made outstanding contributions to several aspects of disability.

#### Award Categories and Criteria:

- **The Justin Dart Disability Advocacy Award (annual award)**  
This award recognizes an individual who has, through outstanding and sustained advocacy efforts, currently contributes to improving the lives of people with disabilities. Open to nominations from any state or country.
- **The David J. Jackson Disability Research Award**  
This award recognizes outstanding disability-related research conducted by New Mexicans. The award may be presented to a single individual, or a group of individuals, including teams of faculty and students. **Nominations should enclose copies of relevant articles or reports written by nominee.**
- **The Charlotte Toulouse Award for Contributions to Communication Between People with Disabilities and Disability Researchers**  
This award recognizes significant contributions to encouraging communication and building bridges between people with disabilities and disability research in New Mexico.
- **The Outstanding Student with Disabilities Award**  
This award recognizes a New Mexican undergraduate or graduate student with a disability who is enrolled in an institution of higher learning or a senior in high school preparing to attend college. The awardee will receive a \$500 prize and a full scholarship to attend the 2009 Southwest Conference.
- **The Community Involvement Award**  
This award recognizes a business, organization, or government agency that has made a positive difference in the quality of life of people with disabilities through innovative programs, services, or advocacy in the areas of employment, training, access or community involvement. Open to nominations from any state or country.

#### Nomination Procedures:

Send your nomination with this information by **August 3, 2009:**

- Name and contact information for both the nominee and the nominator;
- Award category with a brief statement describing how the nominee meets the criteria;
- Names and contact information of at least two individuals who can confirm the nominee's qualifications and contributions.

#### Send Nominations to:

**By August 3, 2009**

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