

AWARDS NOMINATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 3, 2010



Call for Nominations ~ *2010 Conference Awards*

The Southwest Conference on Disability Awards Committee invites you to submit nominations for the 2010 conference awards to recognize individuals or organizations. These individuals have made outstanding contributions to several aspects of disability. NOTE: Award Categories and Criteria have changed this year!

Award Categories and Criteria:

- **The Distinguished Disability Research Award**

This award recognizes outstanding disability-related research conducted in the United States. This research could be basic, social science or translational. The award may be presented to a single individual, or a group of individuals, including teams of faculty and students. The recipient for 2010 has been selected.

- **The Disability Advocacy Award**

This award recognizes an individual, business, organization, or government agency that has made a positive and sustained impact on the quality of life of New Mexicans with disabilities. Disability advocacy could be demonstrated through innovative programs, services, or supports in the areas of employment, education, health, programmatic and physical accessibility or community involvement.

- **The Outstanding Student with a Disability 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 who through his or her efforts exemplifies the characteristics of an outstanding student. The awardee will receive a \$500 honorarium and a registration scholarship to attend the 2010 Southwest Conference.

- ***Alex Abeyta, Jr., Outstanding Public Servant: The Disability Memorial Award***

From time to time, the Southwest Conference honors an individual who made significant contributions in some aspect of the disability field during his or her lifetime. This year, the award will honor the late Alex Abeyta Jr. The award recognizes a New Mexican with at least ten (10) years of outstanding public service in government on the local, state or federal level who, through his or her efforts, has increased the quality of life of New Mexicans with disabilities.

Nomination Procedures:

Send your nomination with this information by **August 3, 2010:**

- Name and contact information (address, email, phone number) for both the nominee and the nominator;
- Award category with a brief statement describing how the nominee meets or exceeds the award criteria;
- Names and contact information (address, email, phone number) of two individuals who can confirm the nominee's qualifications and contributions.

Send Nominations to:

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