



Milestones 2018 Award Nomination Form

Deadline: April 15, 2018

Milestones Autism Resources annually awards **professionals** and **parents** who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving others and **individuals with autism** who have accomplished inspiring milestones.

Individuals may nominate as many people as they wish. A separate form is required for each nominee. Individuals may not nominate a family member.

Please select one of the following award categories:

_____ **Professional Excellence Award** For a professional who has extended her or himself to make a difference in the lives of children and families

_____ **Parent Tribute Award** For a parent who has gone above and beyond their own child, such as developing resources or services to benefit the special needs community

_____ **Personal Achievement Award** For a person with autism who has achieved individual excellence in accomplishing a personal goal or milestone (no age requirement)

Person You Are Nominating: _____

Nominee's Title, Affiliation & Credentials: _____

Nominee's Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Your Name: _____ Connection to Nominee: _____
(You may not nominate a family member.)

Your Title, Affiliation & Credentials: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

This form along with your written narrative will be the only information Milestones receives about the nominee so it is important that you include a detailed explanation of why this person is deserving of the award. We urge you to be as comprehensive as possible (for example, you may want to talk to others who know the nominee and include their input as well).

Nomination Narrative: Please submit up to 2 single-spaced pages using the bulleted items below to guide your nomination.

FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD:

- Describe in detail the nominee's professional accomplishments and any obstacles he/she has overcome to reach the goal of helping others.
- Tell about how the nominee has created solutions to problems/challenges faced by individuals with special needs by creating innovative services, programming or products.
- Include information about how the nominee has demonstrated leadership abilities and/or the ability to serve as a role model for others.
- Provide examples of how the nominee has participated outside of or in addition to his/her job responsibilities.
- Describe or estimate how many people the nominee has impacted through his/her efforts.

FOR PARENT TRIBUTE AWARD:

- Describe in detail how the nominee has extended him/herself beyond their own child to develop innovative resources or services to benefit children and adults with autism/special needs.
- Tell how the nominee has been a role model/mentor to other parents of special needs children.
- Describe how the nominee has helped to educate, inform, and build awareness of the special needs population within their own community.
- Explain how the nominee has demonstrated parent leadership in his/her role.
- Describe or estimate how many people the nominee has impacted through his/her efforts.

FOR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

- Describe in detail the nominee's personal accomplishments in reaching his/her milestone and any obstacles or challenges he/she overcame to reach this goal.
- Explain how the nominee demonstrated a strong work ethic, persistence, and/or innovative thinking to reach his/her goal.
- Explain specifically how the nominee has been a role model to peers or to the community at large.
- Tell how the nominee's achievement has benefitted or inspired others.

Selection Process: All award nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by Milestones Honoree Selection Committee. Award recipients will be notified in the spring of 2018. Milestones requests that honorees be able to attend an awards ceremony on June 14 or June 15 at the Milestones Conference in Cleveland to accept their award. Each award recipient will receive a complimentary conference registration.

Please submit completed form and narrative to Leslie Rotsky at lrotsky@milestones.org or by fax to 216.464.7602 on or before April 15, 2018.