Dan Johnson Advocacy Award Application

# About the Award

## The Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD) is pleased to announce the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award. This award is in memory of Dan and his many accomplishments and was created to recognize people with physical disabilities who are outstanding advocates.

## Please note the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award is aimed at recognizing excellence in advocacy, and public policy change for people with physical disabilities, rather than disability advocacy, for which there are many other prestigious awards. CPD reserves the right not to select an award recipient in a given year, or to name more than one award recipient in a given year at the discretion of the CPD and its members at the time.

## Required Eligibility Criteria

Awardees will be selected based on the description or evidence provided in the nomination package that shows how they are currently or have previously contributed to physical disability advocacy.

Awardees are individuals with physical disabilities who advocate for people with physical disabilities and have had a positive impact on federal or state legislation, public policy, or programs that affect people with disabilities in Wisconsin. These individuals should be extensively involved in the disability community and their local community. They should work to educate decision-makers, the public, and media about issues faced by people with physical disabilities. The advocacy work should exceed normal expectations of regular advocacy practice, and should be inclusive and respectful of the values and independence of those who are affected by it. **Please review award criteria before submitting an application.** A full award criterion is available at: [**cpd.wsiconsin.gov**](https://cpd.wisconsin.gov/)**.**

The nominee must be:

* A person with a physical disability. Physical disability is defined in Wisconsin State Statute 15.197(4).
* Alive (or living at the time of nomination).
* Advocating for, or has advocated in the past, for people with physical disabilities in Wisconsin.
* An individual who represents, or is drawn from, a stakeholder group across the physical disabilities continuum: academic; community partners; individual consumers; industry; government; and non-profit sector.

## Reason for Nomination

* Describe the nominee’s significant accomplishments and relevant contributions related to advocacy for people with physical disabilities. In addition, describe the positive impact the nominee has had on federal or state legislation, public policy, or programs that affect people with disabilities in Wisconsin.

These individuals should be extensively involved in the disability community and their local community, and the nomination description should include how this individual educated decision-makers, the public, and media about issues faced by people with physical disabilities (Please describe why they deserve this award in 750 words or less).

* Attach a letter of recommendation from the nominator.
* Provide any other materials that support the nomination.

## Nominee

**Full Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Title:** Click here to enter text.

**Address:** Click here to enter text.

**Phone:** Click here to enter text.

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## Nominator

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# Application Process and Timeline

## Governance and Awardee Determination

CPD is a governor-appointed council, established by Dan Johnson, and created by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1989, to address the needs of people with physical disabilities. CPD is chaired by an elected council member and is comprised of 14 members, who govern the award process. CPD is responsible for the call for nominations, evaluation of the nominees, and selection of award recipient(s).

## Timeline and Submission

CPD will open the nomination process and make applications available April 1. **The nomination deadline is June 30.** CPD will review applications at their July quarterly meeting. The award recipient(s) will be notified following the approval of the nomination by CPD members. The award will be presented at the Dan Johnson Advocacy Award ceremony in October. The name of the awardee will be kept confidential until the award is presented.

CPD will make their decision based on evaluation of the nomination packages received. Each nomination package must include a completed application form, a letter of recommendation, and any additional information that will assist CPD during the evaluation and award process. Nomination packages can be emailed to Maia Stitt at [maia.stitt@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:maia.stitt@dhs.wisconsin.gov).

## Profiling the Award Recipient

CPD will work to elevate the profile of the award recipient by publicizing the award, the recipient’s accomplishments and contributions, and the award event itself through its website, social media, local and state publications and networks. CPD will make every effort to organize speaking engagements, interviews, blog posts, and other opportunities to promote the award recipient’s accomplishments.