



## **Nomination for Champion of the ADA Award**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is civil rights legislation that was signed into place in 1990. This law is designed to protect individuals with physical or mental disabilities and provide equal access to employment, public services, public accommodations and commercial facilities, telecommunications and more.

### **Who is eligible?**

A nominee can be an individual, business, organization or agency residing or located in the state of Mississippi which has made sustained and significant efforts to obtain full accessibility, non-discrimination and civil rights for all people with disabilities in Mississippi as mandated by the ADA. They serve as an inspiration to others through their persistence to achieve excellence under ADA law. Their efforts may have been as volunteers, self-advocates, or as part of their professional activities.

### **How to nominate?**

Applicants can either self-nominate or be nominated by another individual or group. A selection committee will review all nominations. We will select one individual, business, organization or agency. Each nomination must be submitted on a separate form. Incomplete forms will be considered ineligible for assessment. Winners will be announced at the 2019 MS disAbility MegaConference. **Nominations must be in by Friday May 3, 2019.**

Please return forms by email to Keishawna A. Smith, [ksmith@ihl.state.ms.us](mailto:ksmith@ihl.state.ms.us) or by mail to 3825 Ridgewood Road, Suite 729, Jackson, MS 39211.

