Mississippi disAbility Megaconference
“Spirit of the ADA” and “Spirit of IDEA” Awards
NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

The Mississippi disAbility Megaconference theme for 2015 is “Honoring our Past, Recognizing the Present, Committed to the Future”, with a special focus on the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the 40th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. We will honor those who have embodied the spirit of these great laws in Mississippi during the conference, which will be held at the Jackson Marriott on June 18th-19th. Please review the award criteria and nominate one or more individuals, groups, or agencies for these awards.

Award Criteria:

- The “Spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)” award will be given to an individual, business, or agency residing or located in 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. Their efforts may have been as volunteers and/or as self-advocates, or as part of their professional activities. Nominees should have worked for a minimum of five years seeking ADA compliance and implementation in the areas of employment, state and local government services, community integration, and/or public accommodations.

- The “Spirit of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)” award will be given to an individual or agency residing or located in Mississippi which has made sustained and significant efforts to insure that the rights of Mississippi students with disabilities to a free, appropriate, public education are protected and advanced. Their efforts may have been as volunteers and/or as self-advocates, or as part of their professional activities. Nominees should have worked for a minimum of five years seeking IDEA compliance and implementation in schools within the State of Mississippi.
Nomination for Spirit of the IDEA Award

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Name of nominee:

Contact information for nominee:
Phone:
E-mail:
Mailing address:

Nominee is a: _____ volunteer _____ self advocate _____ professional advocate _____business or agency

Description of Nominee’s activities/accomplishments that embody the Spirit of the ADA: (can print more on the back of form or an additional sheet if needed)

Name and contact information for person making the nomination:

Please return forms by e-mail to Ann Maclaine, amaclaine@drms.ms or by mail to P.O. Box 1671, Jackson MS 39215. Questions? Call Ann at 601 968-0600 ext 226

Thanks!
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