



ALFRED ALLEN AWARD NOMINATIONS FORM

About the Award

The Alfred Allen Award was established by AAWB, one of AER's two predecessor organizations, to honor professionals who have spent their careers in direct service to people with visual impairments. Through the extent and quality of the services that they have provided, these professionals exemplify the character, dedication, insight, and sharing that epitomize the spirit of and commitment to direct service.

About Alfred Allen

Alfred Allen was an outstanding and outspoken professional who was a tireless and relentless advocate for quality services to individuals who are blind. He began his career in service for the blind in 1921 at the Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka, Illinois, where he served as its Director for many years. He served the American Association of Workers for the Blind (AAWB) and its member as Secretary-General for 18 years. From 1943 until 1957, Mr. Allen was an Assistant Director with the American Foundation for the Blind. As Hadley's Don Hathaway described him, Allen was "a humble warrior... a gentle giant...a daily dynamo" for whom "each moment counted."

The Nomination Process

Nomination forms must be accompanied by:

- A letter of nomination from the lead nominator describing, in detail, the significant contributions made by the nominee in his or her work in direct service to persons who are blind or visually impaired.
 - Preference will be given to those nominees who demonstrate activity and achievement, either past or current, in any of the following: 1) overall professional experiences; 2) innovative practices; 3) unique or extraordinary contributions to the field; 4) professional presentations and/or publications; 5) research; and, 6) AER involvement at the chapter and/or international level.
- In addition, at least one letter of support from another person is required. Other forms of evidence that support the letters are welcomed.

The Awards Committee will give preference to nominees who are or have been members of AER.



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I would like to nominate:

Please type the following information so that it can be easily read or scanned into an accessible format. Forms and letters not presented in this manner will be returned.

Nominee's Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Lead Nominator	
*Nominator's AER #	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Additional Nominators	
<i>*In order to nominate an individual for an award, lead nominator must be a current member of AER</i>	

Email the completed form to the email address below.

All nomination documents, including supporting documentation, must be submitted in screen-reader accessible format. For example, structured word documents saved in pdfs format. Image pdfs, those generated by workstation scans of documents, are not accessible. For more information please see:
<http://webaim.org/techniques/acrobat/>

Email the completed form and supporting documentation to the address below - Faxes will not be accepted.

Paul Olson, Chair, Awards Committee
Email: awards@aerbvi.org

Nominations must be received by **April 1, 2020**