



## **AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL AWARD NOMINATIONS FORM**

### **About the Award**

**The Ambrose M. Shotwell Memorial Award** was established to honor an individual who has made significant outstanding contributions to the personal adjustment or rehabilitation of adults who are blind or visually impaired. These leadership contributions have had an impact on a national or international level through their direct effect on people with visual impairments through the insight or inspiration that they provided to rehabilitation personnel in other states or nations.

### **About Ambrose M. Shotwell**

Ambrose M. Shotwell was a teacher, organizer, “benign agitator” and librarian. He was a key leader in the organization of blind people to make known their problems and needs, according to their experience and point of view with respect to services offered them by society. He was one of the founders of the American Blind Peoples’ Higher Improvement Association in 1895, which became the American Association of Worker for the Blind in 1905 and later AER. In addition, he was an expert on braille and operated the stereotype machine. He also lobbied in the Michigan legislature while at the “Saginaw Center”.

### **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](mailto:awards@aerbvi.org)**

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