



Illinois Association for Education & Rehabilitation  
of persons who are blind or visually impaired - IAER

**2021 Individual Award Nomination Form**

Please consider my nomination for the following award (check one):

- Illinois Distinguished Service Award  
 Excellence in Education Award  
 Excellence in Rehabilitation Award

**Sponsor**

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home phone:

Work phone:

Employer:

E-mail address:

**Nominee**

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Employer name:

Be sure to review the selection criteria for the awards on the Nomination Procedure Document that follows.

The following documents should be included for nomination:

- Completed application form
- A Letter of Nomination
- At least one additional letter of support

Submit via e-mail by **January 4, 2021** to:

**Sara Edwards**

Email: [loveisblind0511@gmail.com](mailto:loveisblind0511@gmail.com)

**\*\*NOTE: According to IAER Policy, current IAER Board Members are not eligible for award nomination.**



## ILLINOIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



### Selection Criteria and Procedure:

The Illinois Distinguished Service Award has been designed to give recognition to an individual who has positively affected the lives of persons with visual impairments in Illinois. Nominees for the Distinguished Service Award should:

- Be a current member of the Illinois Chapter of AER and have been a member for at least the two years prior to the nomination.
- Have been involved in the field of blindness at least ten years.
- Have significantly affected the lives of persons with visual impairments either by direct service, supervision, leadership or volunteer service.
- Have actively served as an officer, board member, committee member or chair, within a related professional organization (i.e., AER, IAER, IAOMS, CEC, TASH, Low Vision, Lions, IVLC, etc.).
- Be nominated by a current member of IAER.

Consideration will be given, but not limited to the number or years of service, impact on the profession, impact on legislation, number of people who have benefited from service and letters of nomination. Each nominee should have one letter of nomination and at least one letter of support.

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## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD



### Selection Criteria and Procedure:

The Illinois Excellence in Education Award has been designed to acknowledge the work and dedication of an educator who has positively impacted the lives of persons with visual impairments as well as the profession in Illinois. Nominees for the award should:

- Be a current member of the Illinois Chapter of AER, having been a member of AER for at least two consecutive years.
- Have worked in the field of blindness education with the birth-21 age population for at least five years.
- Have significantly impacted the lives of persons with visual impairments through one or more of the following: direct service, supervision, leadership or volunteer service.

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## EXCELLENCE IN REHABILITATION AWARD



### Selection Criteria and Procedure:

The Illinois Excellence in Rehabilitation Award has been designed to acknowledge the work and dedication of an individual who works in the vision rehabilitation field who has positively impacted the lives of persons with visual impairments as well as the profession in Illinois. Nominees for the award should:

- Be a current member of the Illinois Chapter of AER, having been a member of AER for two consecutive years.
- Have worked in the field of blindness with the 18 year-old and up/adult population for at least five years.
- Have significantly impacted on the lives of persons with visual impairments through one or more of the following: direct service, supervision, leadership, or volunteer service.

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