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Washington Access Fund Awards Program

We are seeking nominations

The Washington Access Fund will present awards to individuals, businesses, and organizations that have made noteworthy efforts to include, serve, and help people with disabilities in Washington and Oregon. The application form and award category descriptions are attached. Please submit nominations by *September 15th, 2016* to the address or email below.

Award Event: Thursday, November 3rd, 2016

Time: 5:30 p.m. Check-In & Cocktail hour; 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Awards Ceremony.

Where: Bell Harbor International Conference Center, 2211 Alaskan Way, Pier 66

Purpose: The awards will recognize businesses, organizations, and individuals who have positively impacted people with disabilities in Washington and Oregon. Proceeds from the Awards Dinner help support Washington Access Fund's mission: to provide funding for people with disabilities to purchase assistive technology and achieve greater independence.

For more information contact us:

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Nomination Procedures

Submission Deadline: September 15th, 2016

Please submit all the following information on the attached form:

1. Identify award category (one per submission)
2. Name and complete contact information for *both nominator and nominee*.
3. ONE to TWO paragraphs describing why nominee is deserving of recognition and in what ways their contribution or achievement has been outstanding. Examples of areas of effort you may address:
 - a. Dedication: the effort and commitment the nominee has demonstrated over time.
 - b. Impact: how individuals, families, communities or other organizations have been positively influenced by the nominee.
 - c. Barriers: the obstacles the nominee has successfully confronted.
 - d. Originality: a new approach, product, design, or service benefiting people with disabilities.
 - e. Inclusion: outreach to individuals with disabilities from diverse communities and removal of physical, behavioral or attitudinal barriers.

Award categories and descriptions:

- 1.) **Innovation Award.** Recognizing a business, organization, or individual that has developed one or more products that have improved the quality of life for individuals with a disability.
- 2.) **Best Practices Award.** Recognizing a business's efforts to include people with disabilities in various business practices, such as service methods, awareness efforts, customization, or targeted outreach.
- 3.) **Recreational Engagement Award.** Recognizing an individual, organization, or business that has made a significant contribution towards engaging and including people with disabilities in recreational programs (e.g., hiking, swimming, sports, camps, art, crafts), customization of facilities and equipment, and/or targeted outreach.
- 4.) **Frances Pennell Economic Opportunity Award.** Named in honor of our founding Executive Director Frances Pennell, this award recognizes an individual, organization, or business which provides people with disabilities opportunities, programs, or resources for economic advancement.
- 5.) **Ron Adams Award for the Outstanding Access Fund Client.** Named in honor of Ron Adams, Washington Access Fund Board Member who passed away during his term as Washington Access Fund Board President. This award is given to a former or current Access Fund program participant who has made a notable achievement, especially with the use of assistive technology.

Review past Award winners here: <http://washingtonaccessfund.org/past-award-winners/>.

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Award Nomination Form

Award Category:

Innovations Award

Frances Pennell Economic Opportunity Award

Best Practices Award

Recreational Engagement Award

Outstanding Ron Adams Client Award

Your Contact Information (as the nominator):

Full Name:

Business/Organization:

Title:

Email:

Daytime Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Award Nominee Contact Information (please list primary contact information for nominated individual, business or organization):

Nominee (Business/Organization):

Primary Contact Name:

Title:

Email:

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Alternate Phone:

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Nomination Form (continued)

Describe in ONE to TWO paragraphs why the nominee deserves recognition and in what ways their contribution or achievement has been outstanding.