**Northwest Access Fund Awards Program**

*We are seeking nominations*

**Northwest Access Fund will present Northwest Access Awards to individuals, businesses, and organizations that have made noteworthy efforts to include, serve, and support people with disabilities in Washington and Oregon this past year. The application form and award category descriptions are attached. Please submit nominations by *October 5, 2018* to the address or email below.**

**Award Event:** Thursday, November 15, 2018

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

**Where:** UW Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st St, Seattle, WA 98105

**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 Northwest Access Fund’s mission: to provide funding for people with disabilities to purchase assistive technology and achieve greater independence.

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

**Nomination Procedures**

**Submission Deadline: October 5th, 2018**

**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. You might wish to comment on the following:
   1. Dedication: the effort and commitment the nominee has demonstrated over time.
   2. Impact: how individuals, families, communities or other organizations have been positively influenced by the nominee.
   3. Barriers: the obstacles the nominee has successfully confronted.
   4. Originality: a new approach, product, design, or service benefiting people with disabilities.
   5. Inclusion: outreach to individuals with disabilities from diverse communities and removal of physical, behavioral or attitudinal barriers.

**Award categories and descriptions: *Note: Awards may not be awarded in all categories.***

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. **Harborstone 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.

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**Award Nomination Form**

**Award Category:**

**\_\_\_ Innovation Award \_\_\_ Frances Pennell Economic Opportunity Award**

**\_\_\_ Best Practices Award \_\_\_ Harborstone Recreational Engagement 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:**

**Daytime Phone:**

**Alternate Phone:**

**Address:**

**City: State: Zip:**

**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.**