

Utah Developmental Disabilities Council 2024 Advocacy Awards



The UDDC Advocacy Award is given to an individual who has made a commitment to improving the lives of Utahns with disabilities. The awardee is recognized for their efforts to help individuals with disabilities lead full, integrated lives and help make their communities inclusive and respectful.

We invite community members to nominate Utahns who have worked toward a better future for Utahns of all abilities.

The Utah Developmental Disabilities Council Executive Director will present the awards later this year. Nominations are accepted through January 31, 2024.

One award will be given in each category:

- Self-Advocate
- Caregiver
- Community Member
- Media Piece

For alternative formats or support with this application, please email uddc@utah.gov or call 801-245-7350.

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Nominee Information

Name of individual being nominated:

Nominee email address:

Does this person know they are being nominated? (Choose one): Yes No

Nominee Category (please select only one):

Self-Advocate

The Self-Advocate category is for an individual with a disability who has made significant efforts toward improving their own or another individual's life by promoting integrated living, community supports, employment opportunities, or another area of growth.

Caregiver

The Caregiver category is for a person that provides care to or direct-support for an individual with a disability who has made significant efforts toward improving the life of a person who has a disability, or who has made efforts to improve the lives of families of Utahns with disabilities. A caregiver can be a family member (parent, sibling, spouse, child, grandparent, etc.), a direct-support professional or direct-care worker.

Community Member

The Community Member category is for an individual who serves their community. This category recognizes a broad range of impactful Utahns, including civic leaders, city council members, mayors, members of Congress, Utah representatives and senators, educators, bus drivers, librarians, medical professionals, and many other individuals who have made significant efforts to improve the lives of Utahns, specifically those with disabilities. This nominee recognizes the need for inclusive communities and public support for individuals with disabilities and has worked to reduce disparities.

Media Piece

The Media category recognizes a journalist, reporter, news outlet, radio station, film maker or other media representative who has produced a piece that positively represents the value and contributions of people with disabilities or highlights issues that impact people with disabilities to influence change. The piece must be submitted with a nomination in this category.

Nomination Questions

(Must be completed for all award nominations.)

1. Please provide a brief background of how this person is connected to the disability community.

2. What specific efforts were made to improve the lives of Utahns with disabilities or to create inclusive communities? How did the Nominee work to make Utah a better place for individuals with disabilities?

3. What was the main positive impact the Nominee had on improving the lives and communities of people with disabilities? How did the community or individual benefit? List how many people were impacted if possible.

4. What makes this Nominee stand out? What is their biggest strength?
What other characteristics does the nominee have that makes them
deserve this award?

**If the nomination is for a media piece, please include the article,
story or video with this submission.**

Submit this completed form to uddc@utah.gov

OR

MAIL TO:
Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
5296 S Commerce Drive Ste 305
Murray, Utah 84107

Nominations due: January 31, 2024. Award recipients will be notified in
February 2024.