

Application Package — Speech-Language & Audiology Canada Awards Program 2018

Award: Consumer Advocacy Award

Deadline: October 31, 2017

Objective: To recognize outstanding contributions of a non-SAC member or associate (who is neither a speech-language pathologist nor an audiologist) who has advocated on behalf of individuals with communication disorders. The Consumer Advocacy Award may be presented to an individual and/or a group. Examples of potential recipients include: a founder of a community support group, someone who initiates fundraising efforts to benefit persons with communications disorders, or an organization such as Elks and Royal Purple of Canada.

Nomination Tips:

1. Plan Ahead

Start preparing your nomination well before the deadline – the more time you leave yourself, the better! Review this package carefully before beginning so you know what you need. Take care in preparing your nomination and be sure to follow all instructions.

2. Work With Your Nominee

Ask for information that you can include in your nomination package. This can include newspaper articles, published works, research, projects or photographs. Also ask your nominee for his/her résumé or CV for additional information that could be used in the nomination. If you're worried about gathering all the information on your own, make it a team effort! Get help from colleagues, clients, parents, supervisors or others.

3. Be Detailed

Judges can only score your nomination based on the information you provide in the package; so, you must assume they know nothing about the nominee. Avoid general, unsupported statements – provide specific, concrete examples to support your points. Scores are based on the criteria in the "Support for Nomination" section; so, use them as a guide in preparing your answers. Be sure to answer all questions completely and accurately and check your application for grammatical, spelling and typographical errors.

4. Submit on Time

You can send in your nomination package by email, regular mail or fax by October 31, 2017. Before submitting your nomination, make sure that all important information (including your supporting documentation) is included within your submission.

5. Persevere

If your nomination is not successful this year, apply again! You can ask the Awards and Recognition Committee for comments and feedback from your evaluation so you know what to improve on before you re-submit. You can also request that your nomination package be returned if you need the information to re-apply.

Eligibility Criteria for This Award:

To be eligible for this award, nominees:

- Must not be a speech-language pathologist nor an audiologist
- Need not be an SAC member or associate
- May be an SAC communication health assistant associate

Please contact emily@sac-oac.ca if you have questions about your nomination. SAC will confirm receipt of all nominations, so please follow-up if you do not receive confirmation.

Please note: all completed nomination forms and accompanying material become property of Speech-Language and Audiology Canada.

Nominee Information

Name:

Organization/Institution:

Home Address:

Telephone:

Email:

All applications must be typed.

This submission requires two nominators. Nominators are not required to be SAC members or associates. Self-nomination is permitted if accompanied by a second, external nominator. As per privacy legislation and policy, nominator(s) must ensure the nominee has been informed of and agrees to this nomination.

Nominator No.1

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Signature:

Nominator No.2

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Signature:

This nomination must also be accompanied by the following:

- **ONE** other piece of supporting documentation, (e.g., certificate of achievement, newsletter article etc.), no longer than one page, which clearly highlights or demonstrates the nominee's achievements. More than one document will not be considered. Your supporting document should supplement the information contained in the letter of support, not serve as a substitute.
- Résumé highlighting key accomplishments of the individual or team/project leader.

Please ensure that **ALL** required documentation and supporting materials are included with this submission.

Support for Nomination

Please write a letter of support of **2,000 words or fewer** to explain why this nominee is deserving of this award. Be sure to answer each of the following questions in your letter (nominations will be evaluated on each of these questions):

- Through personal or professional dedication, how does the nominee demonstrate initiative, leadership or innovation in supporting individuals with communication disorders in a meaningful way? (5 points)
- How has the nominee enhanced the quality of life of others through significant achievement or contributions in the area of communication disorders? (5 points)
- How has the nominee promoted greater public awareness of the professions? (5 points)
- How has the nominee advocated on behalf of individuals with communication disorders (e.g., lobbying on their behalf, representing their needs or interests, fundraising, assisting with the development or implementation of effective treatment programs for people with communication disorders)? (5 points)
- How has the nominee shown an interest in involving individuals with communication disorders in these advocacy efforts to ensure their effectiveness? (5 points)
- Is there any additional information you feel may be relevant to your nomination?

Please provide a word count with your letter of support.

Please ensure you have carefully reviewed the awards brochure and are aware of all requirements, conditions and limitations for application. Please take time and care in preparing your nomination. Candidates are comparatively judged based on the strength, quality and comprehensiveness of your submission. A good candidate with a sub-par nomination package may go unrecognized. Current SAC staff and current members of the Board of Directors are not eligible for awards.

Completed application forms must be **RECEIVED** by email emily@sac-oac.ca, by mail to 1 Nicholas St., Suite 1000, Ottawa, ON, K1N 7B7, or fax to 613-567-2859 by the deadline.