

# **NYSAER Awards**

IT IS TIME TO TAKE A LOOK AT SOME PEOPLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE FOR MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SERVICE TO BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE IN NEW YORK STATE. YOU CAN MAKE A NOMINATION NOW. NOMINATE A FELLOW WORKER!!!!

Each fall at the annual state conference special recognition is given to outstanding individuals who have demonstrated high standards of professionalism and service to people who are visually impaired. NOW is the time to take a look at those you may know who deserve this honor. Nominate some deserving person/s for the following awards. Each nomination should be signed by at least one (1) current NYSAER member. Include a letter indicating why that person is deserving of the award. Letters to support the nomination are very important and can be written by colleagues, supervisors/administrators, clients, students, parents, etc. The more letters the better, since the recipient will receive all the letters written on their behalf.

**All nominations must be mailed, faxed or emailed by midnite, August 05, 2018 to Sharon Schwalm**

## **1. MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The recipient must have worked with persons who are visually impaired for at least 3 years. This nominee must be employed at least half time working with persons in New York State who are visually impaired. The nominee must be someone who has made an outstanding contribution in the work with persons in New York State who are visually impaired. This contribution may have been made at any level of service. Membership in NYSAER is not required.

## **2. GEORGE E. KEANE AWARD**

The recipient of this award must have worked with persons who are visually impaired for a minimum of 20 years at the time of the presentation, and must be employed, at least half time, in New York State at the time of the nomination and be a member of NYSAER. Through the years this award has been given to men and women whose work has been of benefit to New York State and has influenced the national scene.

## **3. NAT SEAMAN RECOGNITION AWARD**

Recipients of the Nat Seaman Award may be from any field of work with disabled people. Membership in NYSAER is not required. Selection will be based on interest in persons with disabilities and visual handicaps, practices which have influenced work with disabled people, performance in furthering the cause of disabled and/or visually impaired people.

The nominee must be someone who has made an outstanding contribution in work with visually impaired people in New York State. This contribution may have been made at any level of service and has included volunteers, legislators, eye care professionals and support staff.

## **4. ANN RANGE CHILDREN'S AWARD**

Recipient of the Ann Range award must be a current member of NYSAER. Requirements are a minimum of 5 years of work with children who are visually impaired and must be employed at least 50% of the time working with children. The nominee must be a person who has demonstrated dedication and commitment to teaching and advocating for needs of children who are blind and visually impaired in New York

State.

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**AWARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON MAKING NOMINATION (AER MEMBER):**

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**PHONE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF PERSON MAKING NOMINATION:**

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**Please send a letter of recommendation with this application by mid-nite, August 05, 2018 to:**

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