



Call for 2021 Kentucky APSE Award Nominations

Please take time to read each award description carefully and consider nominating for these awards. This is a way to let a co-worker or disability advocate know they are doing a great job and their work is appreciated. We have a lot of great work going on across Kentucky! Let's showcase some of these people.

Nancy Hall Supported Employment Advocacy Award was established to honor a Rehabilitation Professional who has demonstrated exceptional determination and motivated individuals with the most significant disabilities to obtain their maximum vocational potential through Supported Employment.

Sam Serraglio Community Employment Award is given to a person that fosters the ideas of self-determination, individual excellence and independence for individuals with disabilities to successfully obtain community employment. The candidate demonstrates an ability to advocate for people with disabilities while building partnerships with the business community, service provider, the family/provider, and the individual.

Willie Byrd Legislative Award is given to a person who has supported and promoted the employment of people with significant disabilities through legislation and/or legislative efforts. Consideration for this award should be given to a legislator and/or individuals who have worked effectively within the legislative and advocacy realm to insure that people with significant disabilities have the opportunity to work.

The Jim Chesser Award for Advocacy was established in memory of Jim Chesser, a long time self-advocate and friend of KY APSE. The winner shall reflect the ideas of advocating for the full inclusion of people with disabilities, including employment. Preference may be given to persons who experience disability but anyone who furthers the goal of inclusion will be considered.

These award recipients will be recognized virtually at the Annual Kentucky APSE Conference December 9, 2021.

To nominate please submit the following: Name of Nominee, Name of Award Nominated for, your contact information, and a brief description of the nominee's efforts for consideration for the award.

Nominations Due by November 20, 2021

Submit nominations:

Ashley Taylor via Email to: AshleyD.Taylor@ky.gov

In addition, please see attached document for the D. Timothy Estes Award for Imagination and Innovation, submissions will go to Carol Estes.

Criteria for D. Timothy Estes Award for Imagination and Innovation in Supported Employment

This award, consisting of a plaque and a cash reward, will be presented each year at the KY APSE Conference Awards Banquet. Carol Estes or her designee will choose the winner each year.

The cash award will be made by The Hatfield/Estes family. The 2021 award is \$300.00.

- The recipient must be a full or part time employee of a Kentucky Supported Employment Vendor. The recipient may only receive the award once.
- Nominations may be made by co-workers, supervisors, clients/consumers/family members, employers, or others who are familiar with the nominee's performance in the area of person-centered job selection, job development or other supported employment services.

To nominate: Innovative solutions to employment barriers, Individualization in job development, and Imagination in developing Support Plans are specifically desired characteristics for this Award. Give 1-3 detailed examples of the nominee's work in these areas. Include your name and contact info for questions/follow-up.

Nominations should be sent to: Carol.Estes@twc.com
Or mailed via USPS to Carol Estes, PO Box 1298, Warsaw, KY 41095

Questions or Discussion to Carol via email, or phone 502-396-8084
For 2021, Carol must receive nominations by November 20.