



NYSARC, Inc., Thomas A. Maul Direct Support Professional Excellence Award

This award is presented in honor of Thomas A. Maul, who during his tenure as OMRDD Commissioner from 1993 to 2006, addressed many of the long standing issues that face our Association and the people we serve. NYSARC, Inc. shared with the Commissioner a major priority—the true recognition of our workforce.

About the Award

NYSARC, Inc. Thomas A. Maul Direct Support Professional Excellence Award: Through this award we acknowledge the work of a direct support professional from each NYSARC, Inc. region who consistently demonstrates excellence, creativity and commitment in providing supports to people who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Application Information

Purpose of the Award: The Direct Support Professional Excellence Award offers NYSARC, Inc. Chapters the opportunity to recognize a direct support professional in their region who has demonstrated an exemplary level of performance over the course of his/her employment and has consistently demonstrated commitment to improving the quality of life for people who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Nomination Process: The completed nomination packet must be mailed or faxed to the NYSARC, Inc. State Office by the deadline date listed on the Nomination Form.

1. One nomination per Chapter.
2. The nominated person must have been on the Chapter staff for at least two (2) years at the time of nomination.
3. The nominated employees must provide direct support to an individual with a disability as defined in the CFR as series 200 or 400.
4. A minimum of two (2) letters of support for the nominee must be included with the application.
5. Applications must be signed by the Chapter President
6. An Individual who has been previously nominated but not recognized may be re-nominated.

Amount: Four awards are presented annually—one for each of the four (4) NYSARC, Inc. geographical regions. The award is in the amount of \$2,500.00 per recipient.

Application Information/Deadline: The name of one individual must be submitted on the appropriate Nomination Form along with the additional information requested in the application and received by the NYSARC, Inc. State Office by the deadline date.

NOTE: *Nomination forms may be faxed to the NYSARC, Inc. State Office up to the deadline date. However, original nomination forms must be immediately mailed to NYSARC, Inc.*

Announcement of Recipients: The NYSARC, Inc. Thomas A. Maul Direct Support Professional Excellence Award Recipients will be recognized at the NYSARC, Inc. Annual Convention. The award recipients **are expected** to be present to receive the award. The nominating Chapter will be responsible for travel arrangements and expenses.

CHAPTER: _____

DATE RECEIVED _____



NOMINATION FORM FOR
THOMAS A. MAUL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL
EXCELLENCE AWARD

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED.
 FILL-IN APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.NYSARC.ORG.

Return Deadline: May 10, 2010

Name of Nominee: _____

Job Title: _____

Address: _____

Number of Years Employed by Chapter _____

Chapter _____

I. Describe how the nominee has consistently demonstrated Excellence, Creativity and Commitment in the following areas. Check appropriate boxes and give at least two specific examples.

Leadership: *demonstrated dedication, self-motivation, and acted as a role model for other staff.*

Example 1: _____

Example 2: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Professional Development: *sought educational opportunities to increase knowledge and learn new skills.*

Example 1:

Example 2:

Additional Comments:

Provision of Direct Support: *has shown respect for the dignity, independence, culture and rights of individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families.*

Example 1:

Example 2:

Additional Comments:
