



# Alabama APSE Awards

2022

## Conference

August 3 – 5, 2022

Alabama APSE is pleased to announce that the annual awards will again be presented in 2022 at the statewide conference scheduled for 8/3-5/2022 in Montgomery. We need you to take a little time to submit a nomination for a deserving individual, business, and/or agency. Awards will be presented in 9 categories. To submit your nomination(s), please review the list of categories below. Each nomination will require the nomination form along with at least one letter supporting the nomination. Those that select the winners, will make their selections based on the information included with the nomination(s). Nominators can email the packet to [alabamaapse@aol.com](mailto:alabamaapse@aol.com) or mail to Alabama APSE, PO Box 240691, Montgomery, AL 36124. Each nomination should be complete and submitted via email with one attached PDF file. Multiple attachments will not be considered. For those that send via the US Postal Service, each nomination should be included in one packet.

**Nominator** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominators will be asked to obtain pictures of nominees that are selected as the winners. These pictures will be used at the awards ceremony on 8/4.

### Awards Categories

\_\_\_ Personal Achievement    \_\_\_ Small Employer    \_\_\_ Educator

\_\_\_ Family of the Year    \_\_\_ Large Employer    \_\_\_ Best Practice

\_\_\_ Professional of the Year    \_\_\_ AL-APSE Leadership    \_\_\_ Agency of Year

1. **Personal Achievement:** Awarded to individual successfully employed in small, medium, or large business as a result of participating in a supported employment program.
2. **Family of the Year:** Awarded to family, guardian or other support source that has made individuals success in employment, school, or independent living possible as a result of their support
3. **Professional of the Year:** Awarded to person working in the field of rehabilitation/employment/housing, etc. that goes above and beyond their job description. Past winners have included job coaches, rehabilitation counselors, school counselors, counselors, etc.
4. **Small Employer:** Awarded to an employer with less than 50 employees that has been supportive of employment for individuals with disabilities. Typical winners hire individuals, allow accommodations, go above and beyond to support the successful employment outcomes of individuals receiving supports through ADRS, ADMH, and other funded provider agencies.
5. **Large Employer:** Awarded to an employer with more than 50 employees that has been supportive of employment for individuals with disabilities. Typical winners hire individuals, allow accommodations, go above and beyond to support the successful employment outcomes of individuals receiving supports through ADRS, ADMH, and other funded provider agencies.
6. **AL-APSE Leadership** (Brenda McComb): Awarded to an individual that is a “mover and shaker”, leading an agency or organization, influencing policy, supporting a staff that is working to expand and improve employment outcomes. Past winners have included rehab administrators, DMH administrators, agency executives, etc.
7. **Educator of the Year:** Awarded to an individual employed as an educator working to improve the lives of youth with disabilities. The winner should be someone that goes above and beyond just providing instruction and curriculum.
8. **Innovation or Best Practice:** Awarded to an individual, organization, agency, etc. “thinking outside the box” to improve employment outcomes and the lives of people with disabilities. Examples could include development of new program that results in better employment outcomes i.e., Project GATE, Shelby Arc Angel Art, etc.
9. **Jim Green Agency of the Year:** Awarded to an organization/agency that is working to provide quality services to individuals with disabilities that is resulting in more integration and better employment opportunities. This agency is recognized as a leader in their community. Typical winners are supported by funding from the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and the Alabama Department of Mental Health.