

Business, Agency and Community Award by Region

This award was established to recognize a business, agency, or community organization that has promoted and provided for the enhancement, awareness, and employment of individuals with exceptionalities in order to promote and support their full participation within the community. Individuals with exceptionalities include individuals with disabilities as well as individuals who are gifted and talented.

Token: An Engraved Plaque

Presented: At the Annual Provincial Conference

Information Needed to Complete Nomination Form:

1. All information requested on the nomination form
2. Description of the business or agency nominated, including its purpose and history
Nomination Guidelines and Form
3. Description of the efforts of the business or agency to meet at least three (3) of the following criteria:
 - a. Demonstrated a particular accommodation for an individual with a disability, including innovative individualized accommodations or more general building-wide accommodations
 - b. Demonstrated an active hiring campaign to encourage the employment of individuals with exceptionalities
 - c. Demonstrated accommodations and modification of the environment to provide for individuals with special needs
 - d. Maintained an ongoing, long-term hiring/accommodation practice
 - e. Demonstrated a formal relationship with schools for the sponsorship of work-study sites, community-based training experiences, and transition opportunities for individuals with exceptionalities
 - f. Sponsored a mentoring program for students with exceptionalities
 - g. Supported a career development program for students with exceptionalities
 - h. Provided a scholarship program for individual students with exceptionalities
 - i. Offered on-site specific skill training programs for students with exceptionalities
 - j. Sponsored public awareness activities showing the contributions to society of individuals with exceptionalities
 - k. Demonstrated an active public relations campaign, which enhances awareness about the needs of individuals with exceptionalities.
4. Three to five letters of recommendation documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the criteria for the award are required.