

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Award Nomination Form

Notice of Confidentiality: The personal information provided on this form is collected under the authority of the *Access to Information Act (AITA)*. The information will be managed in accordance with the AITA and is being collected for the purpose of determining suitability for Council Awards.

In consideration of this nomination for an Award by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (PCSPD):

- I/we understand that Nominee or Award Recipient's participation is completely voluntary.
- The Council may revoke an award should it become known that the recipient has engaged in conduct contrary to the values of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.
- Incomplete applications may not be considered for an award.

Awards: There are five [Premier's Council Awards](#): Gary McPherson Leadership Award, Marlin Styner Achievement Award, Youth Award, Margot Brunner Advocacy Award and Digital Impact Award. Descriptions for each award are included below.

Gary McPherson Leadership Award

This achievement award is presented to one individual Albertan each year who has demonstrated outstanding leadership or achievement in enriching the lives of persons with disabilities. The winner will exemplify the qualities and values of the late Dr. Gary McPherson who dedicated himself to furthering the ideals of equality and citizenship for all Albertans.

Dr. McPherson was instrumental in establishing the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities and served as its first chair. He volunteered extensively including 20 years in wheelchair sports administration. This award is based on core values such as trust, respect and courage, and bringing people together. Dr. McPherson's influence continues to have a positive impact on provincial and national policy and programs affecting persons with disabilities.

Marlin Styner Achievement Award

This achievement Award is presented to one individual Albertan each year who has a disability and who, through personal or professional achievements, has not allowed their disability to become a barrier in pursuing excellence.

During his life, the late Mr. Styner was firmly committed to improving the lives of persons with disabilities and led by example. A former member and Chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, he was an accomplished public speaker who shared his experiences about living with a disability and his passion for equal and fair treatment of all persons with disabilities.



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Premier's Council Youth Award

This award is presented to an individual, or a team of individuals, **under the age of 25** who has/have made a significant contribution to creating an inclusive and accessible community for people with disabilities. This could include, but is not limited to, communities such as classrooms, neighbourhoods, city or provincial teams, and could be done through avenues such as education, advocacy, or volunteerism.

Margot Brunner Advocacy Award

This award is presented to an individual who demonstrates leadership in advocacy for the rights of individuals with disabilities. The winner of this award will demonstrate the characteristics and values of inclusion, equity and mentorship. This award is named after Margot Brunner, a longtime advocate for the disability community and executive director of a pan-disability organization. Premier's Council has created this annual award to honour Margot's passing in August 2023.

Digital Impact Award

This award is presented to an individual with a disability who has had a positive impact in an online environment or through other forms of digital media, where they have demonstrated and/or contributed to the celebration, education, and enrichment to the lives of Albertans with disabilities.

Each nomination form submitted must be for **one category only**. If you'd like to nominate an individual in more than one category, please submit separate nomination forms.

To nominate someone for one of the **Council Awards**, you must:

- **Fill out the nomination form** on the following pages, providing sufficient detail about the nominated individual, team, initiative, project or achievement. This includes a description of how the initiative, project or achievement developed or significantly enhanced a barrier-free, inclusive community for persons with disabilities.
- Include **two letters of support**. Include the letters with the signed nomination form.
- Include a **mini biography** of the nominee - maximum 240 words. If the nominee is selected to receive an award, the biography will be made available to the public.

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Nominee Contact Information

Full Name: Individual or team of individuals	
Phone number	Email Address

Nominated By

First Name	Last Name	Title <i>(if applicable)</i>
Organization <i>(if applicable)</i>		
Phone # (business hours)	Email Address	

Mark an 'X' in one of the boxes below. Council reserves the right to consider a nomination for an award other than indicated below if it is determined to be a better fit.

- ☐ I would like to nominate an individual for the Gary McPherson Leadership Award.
- ☐ I would like to nominate an individual for the Marlin Styner Achievement Award.
- ☐ I would like to nominate an individual or a team of individuals for the Premier's Council Youth Award.
- ☐ I would like to nominate an individual for the Margot Brunner Advocacy Award.
- ☐ I would like to nominate an individual or group for the Digital Impact Award.



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1. Please respond to each of the following **five** questions (500 words or less for each response).
 - a) Describe the initiative, project or achievement and how it increased inclusion and accessibility for people with disabilities.
 - b) Describe how the nominee was involved in the initiative, project or achievement.
 - c) Who was impacted by the initiative, project or achievement?
 - d) What were the specific results the nominee achieved and how were they measured or recognized?

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e) How will the impact be continued?

☐ I have attached two letters of support and a mini-biography of the nominated individual or group.

Signature of Nominator

Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

2. Send the signed nomination form, biography and any other attachments to:

Email Address: PCSPD@gov.ab.ca (Email submissions are preferred)

Mailing Address:

Awards Selection Panel
Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities
12th Floor Telus House
10020-100 Street NW
Edmonton, AB T5J 0N3

Deadline for Nominations is October 1st, 2025.

Incomplete applications may not be considered for an award.

Successful nominees will be contacted by October 31st 2025 and the list of winners will be announced at International Day of Persons with Disabilities events across Alberta and posted to the Government of Alberta website.

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