

# The Washington State Association of the Deaf

## Golden Hand Award Information

### **Purpose**

There are many individuals who constantly strived to increase opportunities for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the State of Washington for several years. They have contributed a significant amount of time and effort to enhance the lives of this population. WSAD has made a commitment to recognize these individuals.

### **Who Can be Nominated?**

Any person, Deaf or Hearing, can be nominated for a Golden Hand award. However, the results of the individual's efforts must have occurred in Washington State.

### **How Does One Nominate an Individual?**

If you have an individual in mind that you believe should be recognized for their several years work of enhancing the lives of Deaf or Hard of Hearing, contact the Chair of "Recognition Awards" for an application form. After completing the application, send it back to the Chair for action.

### **Who Selects Nominees for An Award?**

A committee selected by the Chair reviews all nominations submitted. After this review, the committee decides whether an award should be given or not. If the committee needs more information, they may contact you. All committee decisions are final.

### **How are Selected Nominees Recognized?**

Selected nominees are honored at the WSAD Conference and given a Commendation Letter from the President of WSAD and a "Golden Hand Award." They are also recognized in the WSAD Newsletter which is distributed throughout the state.

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## Golden Hand Award Program and Procedures

### Golden Hand Award Program:

This program will be responsible for reviewing and selecting individuals who have constantly strived to increase opportunities for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the State of Washington for several years. They have overcome unusual obstacles and contributed a significant amount of time and effort to enhance the lives of this population. The Chair of the Recognition Awards will be appointed by the current WSAD President and subjected to change upon election of a new President. No monetary awards will be distributed throughout the Golden Hand Award Program.

### Procedure

1. The Chair will keep the materials at hand. The Secretary shall also have copies on hand to ensure timely processing of awards.
2. Upon receipt of an application, the Chair will review for completeness.
3. The Chair will select committee members on a case by case basis. This means committee members will be selected from various geographical parts of Washington. This will ensure a fair review and selection process.
4. After nominees have been selected, the Chair will recommend name(s) to the Board of Directors for acceptance by an unanimous vote by ballot. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the Chair will then send the WSAD Secretary a copy of the nomination application. A Commendation Letter and "Golden Hand Award" will be produced by the Secretary to be awarded at the WSAD conference.
5. The WSAD Secretary will send the President and the Chair a carbon copy of both, the letter and certificate to verify completion. The secretary will forward this information to the newsletter Editor for inclusion in the next issue.

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## Golden Hand Award Application Form

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Person or Organization You Are Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe in detail what this person has done that has helped enhance the lives of Deaf and Hard of Hearing community: (If you need more space, you may attach additional sheets of paper.)

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How long has this person done this? \_\_\_\_\_ Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Years

Was this part of their job? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

What obstacles did this person overcome? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date