



Erin Ritchey Memorial Awards

Nomination Guidelines

The Erin Ritchey Memorial Awards are designed to:

- Recognize people with developmental disabilities who have made significant strides or accomplishments towards a goal
- Recognize supporters of people with developmental disabilities whose personal or professional efforts have contributed significantly to improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.
- Recognize groups or organizations who have contributed significantly to improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities

Nominees may receive more than one Erin Ritchey Award in the same year, provided they are in different categories. Previous winners are eligible for awards in any and all categories.

To be eligible for a Erin Ritchey Memorial Award, a nominee must:

- Be a resident of, employed in OR located in Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Darke, Miami, Preble or Warren counties

Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Extraordinary contributions that support people with developmental disabilities
- Positive impact on others
- Positive impact on self or organization
- Outstanding achievement

Erin Ritchey Memorial Award Categories

- **Achievement:** Recognizes a significant achievement of an individual or individuals with developmental disabilities
- **Business:** Recognizes outstanding contributions of businesses or organizations that offer employment or training opportunities for an individual or group of individuals with developmental disabilities
- **Carl Day Volunteer Service:** Recognizes individuals or groups that provide significant support and assistance on a volunteer basis to people with developmental disabilities, or to organizations that serve people with developmental disabilities
- **Community:** Recognizes people or organizations that enrich or empower people with developmental disabilities
- **Direct Support:** Recognizes direct service personnel in public, private or specialized programs who demonstrate excellence in working with students and adults with developmental disabilities
- **Educator:** Recognizes an educator who demonstrates excellence in teaching students and adults with developmental disabilities
- **Erin's Award:** Recognizes parents, family members and guardians of people with developmental disabilities whose actions demonstrate the spirit of the Erin Ritchey Memorial Awards
- **Spirit Award:** Recognizes administrative, management or supervisory staff working in the developmental disabilities field whose actions demonstrate the spirit of the Erin Ritchey Memorial Awards
- **Other** (please explain)

Completed nomination forms and any materials supporting your nomination should be submitted to:
MCBDDS Community Relations, 8114 N. Main St., Dayton, OH 45415
or to

communityrelations@mcbddds.org