

2016 Jeff Ridgeway AWARD

The Jeff Ridgeway Advocacy Award shall be presented annually in accordance with the following qualifications and considerations:

1. The Award shall be open to all persons with disabilities.
2. The recipient shall have reached at least 16 years of age at the time of nomination for the Award.
3. The recipient shall have demonstrated at least three years of experience in self-advocacy at the time of nomination for the Award.
4. The Award shall recognize a person who has a record of having demonstrated leadership in self-advocacy, preferably including cross-disability advocacy.
5. The Award shall recognize a person who has a record of having stated a vision for the future of the self-advocacy movement in Alabama.
6. Nominations for receipt of the 2016 Award shall be made in writing, and shall close no later than July 22, 2016.
7. Selection of the Award's recipient shall be made by a committee of not more than five persons including the ADAP Director, who shall serve as chair. The other members of the selection committee are:
 - a. President, People First,
 - b. President, Wings Across Alabama,
 - c. Amy Hinton (advocate),
 - d. Vicki Turnage (advocate).
8. Selection of the Award's recipient shall be agreed by consensus.
9. If any of the persons identified to participate on the selection committee cannot serve, then that person's logical successor shall serve in his/her stead.



Last year's Award winners were Elouise Woods, a long-time member of People First who was described as one of Jeff's mentors, and Kent Crenshaw, director of the Montgomery Center for Independent Living.

Send nominations to:
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All nominations must be received on or before July 22, 2016.