

RULE BOOK FOR THE

2023 GAUTENG DISABILITY RIGHTS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

CALL FOR ENTRY AND NOMINATION

Gauteng Provincial Government wishes to recognise and reward excellence and innovation demonstrated by persons with disabilities, individuals, recognised role players in the disability sector as well as public and private organisations that make a difference in the lives of persons with disabilities.

The Gauteng Disability Rights Excellence Award is an initiative of the Gauteng Provincial Government.

The purpose of these Awards is to celebrate outstanding achievements made by persons with disabilities, individuals, private and public organisations and recognised role-players working in the disability sector.

The Awards seek to acknowledge persons with disabilities as well as individuals and organisations whose commitment, creativity and ability to adapt and develop new approaches have made a real difference in the empowerment and inclusion of persons with disability in communities.

The Premier's Special Award for Excellence recognises individuals or organisations for the outstanding service and impact to care, support or advocate for the disability community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The period to be considered for the 2023 Disability Rights Excellence Awards is between January 2019 to June 2023.

CATEGORIES

1. Social Transformation Excellence Award
2. Disability Rights Equity Award
3. Disability Business Excellence Award
4. Media and communication Excellence Award
5. Disability Service Excellence Award
6. Disability research and Development Excellence Award
7. Disability Rights Best Practice Award
8. Disability Rights Lifetime Achiever Award
9. Premiers Special Award for Excellence

The entry form and a comprehensive rulebook with detailed evaluation criteria can be requested via **e-mail at disabilityawards2023@gauteng.gov.za**.

Completed entries forms can be submitted to the Office of the Premier at 1 Central Place, 30 Rahima Moosa Street, Newtown, Johannesburg or E-mailed to **disabilityawards2023@gauteng.gov.za**.


Closing date for entries is 18 August 2023 at 16h00



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► CATEGORY DETAILS

Entries must be based on the established criteria and should reflect the contribution between January 2019 to June 2023

CATEGORY		CRITERIA
1.	<p>Social Transformation Excellence Award:</p> <p>An individual or organisation that have made significant contributions to improving the lives of persons with disabilities and their families by promoting greater inclusion, accessibility acceptance and participation.</p>	<p>Recognises individuals and private organisations for the process of social transformation and those who have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made outstanding contributions to advancing the rights, dignity and opportunities of persons with disabilities • Whose work serves as a model for others to follow
2.	<p>Disability Rights Equity Award:</p> <p>Private or public organisation that is committed to promoting disability rights and equity in the workplace by creating an inclusive and accessible environment that enables employees with disabilities to have fair and equal access to a range of employment choices and opportunities.</p>	<p>Recognises a private or public organisation that enable persons with disabilities to function optimally within the workplace by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making a significant impact in promoting disability rights and equity in the workplace • Implementing innovative policies and practices that ensure that persons with disabilities are included in all aspects of the workplace • Taking measures to ensure that the workplace is accessible • Implementing reasonable accommodation measures
3.	<p>Disability Business Excellence Award:</p> <p>Reflects the incredible achievement of individuals with disabilities who have faced unique challenges and persevered in pursuit of entrepreneurial success.</p>	<p>Recognises individuals with disabilities who have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated outstanding entrepreneurial skills, creativity, innovation, leadership and perseverance in starting and growing a successful business • Inspired and motivated other entrepreneurs with or without a disability to pursue their dreams and overcome obstacles through their remarkable achievements
4.	<p>Media and Communication Excellence Award:</p> <p>Made exceptional contributions and achievements to promoting accurate and diverse representation of persons with disabilities and advancing disability rights and inclusion in media and communications.</p>	<p>Recognize individuals or organizations in areas such as journalism, broadcasting, film, social media or any other media and communication-related fields that have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated leadership and innovation in creating more accessible and inclusive media channels • Made exceptional contributions in promoting accurate and diverse representation of persons with disabilities as well as advancing the inclusion of persons with disabilities in media and communications • Promoted and advocated for disability rights and empowered persons with disabilities through media and communication platforms • Raised awareness on issues facing persons with disabilities
5.	<p>Disability Service Excellence Award:</p> <p>Demonstrate exceptional performance in their work through the outstanding contributions and commitment to services, assistance, care and support to persons with disability.</p>	<p>Recognize individuals who are support workers, personal assistants or caregivers in the private or public sector for their selfless acts, effort and commitment by going above and beyond their responsibilities to render services, assist, care and support to persons with disability</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p>Disability Research and Development Excellence Award:</p> <p>Pushed the boundaries of research, knowledge and innovation in the field of disability by conducting research or developing new technologies or creating innovative solutions.</p>	<p>Recognize individuals or private and public organisations that have conducted cutting-edge research, developed new technologies or created innovative solutions to address disability-related issues in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative and effective approaches to improving the quality of life and well-being of persons with disabilities • Research that has led to the development of new technologies, products or services that have significantly enhanced the lives of persons with disabilities • Advocacy efforts that have improved public policy, awareness or access to services for persons with disabilities • Collaboration across different sectors or disciplines to develop new solutions or approaches to address disability-related issues
<p>7.</p>	<p>Disability Rights Best Practice Award:</p> <p>Initiatives that go above and beyond in promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities and ensuring that the voices and perspectives of persons with disabilities are heard and valued</p>	<p>Recognises individuals, private and public organisations or initiatives that have demonstrated exceptional efforts and achievements in promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative and effective practices that improve the lives of persons with disabilities • Increased access to services and opportunities • Reduced discrimination and stigma • Focussing on a specific aspect of disability rights such as accessibility, inclusivity, empowerment or advocacy
<p>8.</p>	<p>Disability Rights Lifetime Achiever Award:</p> <p>Significant contributions and achievements of individuals with disabilities in their chosen fields by acknowledging the unique challenges that they face in their lives and to recognize their resilience and perseverance.</p>	<p>Recognise and honours an individual who has a disability for more than 10 years including fallen hero's who has shown remarkable determination, resilience, preservation and skill in their chosen field despite their disability. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accomplishments, achievements and contributions in fields such as sport, art, activism, education and business amongst others • Is an role model and inspiration for others with disabilities • Advocates for the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life
<p>9.</p>	<p>Premiers Special Award for Excellence:</p> <p>Highest form of recognition in the Province that constitutes a special distinction for the dedication, contributions and service to support persons with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<p>Recognise individuals or private and public organisations for the outstanding service and impact to care, support or advocate for the disability sector during the COVID-19 pandemic</p>