



## Now Accepting Nominations for 2024 ADARA Awards!

For many years, ADARA is proud of the contributions of members and has established several awards to recognize excellence in service provision and outstanding professional contributions. ADARA is seeking nominations for individuals deserving of one of the seven awards listed below. These awards are to be presented by ADARA at the 2024 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in May 2024.

- **The Boyce R. Williams Award** is named for Dr. Boyce Williams, who dedicated his career in government to advance specialized programs and services for deaf and hard of hearing people. It is the highest award presented by ADARA and is given to an individual in recognition of a lifetime of exemplary contributions that lead to improvement in the lives of deaf people in the rehabilitation and behavioral health arenas.
- **The Frederick C. Schreiber Award** recognizes Dr. Fred Schreiber, who was the first Executive Director of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). In recognition of his enduring commitment to ADARA, this award is given to an individual for outstanding contributions to ADARA.
- **The Eugene W. Petersen Award** recognizes Gene Petersen, who set the standards in serving with deaf adults across the spectrum. It is an award given to an individual who has demonstrated exemplary direct service provision to deaf adults with additional disabilities and/or language and learning challenges.
- **The McCay Vernon Outstanding JADARA Article Award** recognizes Dr. Mac Vernon who was a leading author in various specialized fields and for his role of editor of the Journal. It is an award given to a published JADARA author(s) upon the recommendation of the Journal Editorial Board.
- **The Boyce Williams Student Writing Award** recognizes exemplary student writing in the deaf rehabilitation and behavioral health fields.
- **The Martin Seligman Student Psychology Research Award** recognizes Dr. Marty Seligman for his outstanding contributions to the field of psychology. This award is to encourage student researchers pursuing careers in working with deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the field of psychology to conduct, present and publish research in this field.
- **The Legislative Award** recognizes an individual who has demonstrated tremendous contributions related to legislative activities and public advocacy that have a profound impact on individuals who are deaf, later-deafened, hard of hearing and deafblind.

Nominations for awards should be submitted by December 31, 2023 to ADARA, by e-mail to [office@adara.org](mailto:office@adara.org)

Nomination letters should include a 150-word biography of the nominee and a 250-500 word letter explaining the attributes of the nominee and reasons for the nomination. Letters of support are also welcomed and should be included with the actual nomination letter.