



Tools for Life Assistive Technology (AT) Award Information

To nominate an individual or organization for an award, you must:

1. Submit a completed award nomination award form
2. Email the completed form as an attachment to Liz Persaud at liz.persaud@gatfl.gatech.edu with the subject **"IDEAS 2019 Award Nomination"**; or fax the completed form to 404-894-8323 with Attn: Liz Persaud.

Nominations should be made for one of the following categories:

The Naomi Walker "Catalyst for Positive Change" Award

The Naomi Walker "Catalyst for Positive Change" Award recognizes an individual who has accomplished breaking down barriers by implementing policies and overall systems change related to the acquisition and/or implementation of curriculum or technology in educational, recreational, or employment environments which provides access to all individuals.

The Melinda Quinn "Squeaky Wheel" Award

The Melinda Quinn "Squeaky Wheel" Award recognizes an individual who has worked at the community, district, or school level to develop local grassroots efforts through advocating for appropriate supports for individuals with disabilities.

Excellence in AT Award

The Excellence in AT Integration Award recognizes an organization, local education agency, or local school where two or more professionals or entities promote or facilitate the development of effective AT consideration of devices and services in a classroom, school, school system, workplace, and/or community. Factors considered include coordination of services (training, considering, evaluating), networking and collaboration (input from a variety of professions), innovation in development and implementation (planning tools and materials), and lasting impact of the service provided on person(s) served.

Tools for Life Visionary Award

The Life Visionary Award recognizes a leader in the field of education who with vision, innovation, and/or initiative provided access for individuals with disabilities with the inclusion of accommodations, supports, and/or assistive technology. This individual has done this through advancing understanding, access, acquisition, and/or quality service delivery.

Tools for Life Innovation Award

The Innovation Award recognizes outstanding design of a program, project, product, building, space, and/or inclusive classroom. This award was created by Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Program to promote creativity and encourage AT and universal design principles for equal access of all people

Tools for Life Emerging Leader Award

The Tools for Life Emerging Leader Award honors a student with a disability who has demonstrated proactive leadership skills by using assistive technology in their school environment, during transition practices, and/or preparation for continuing education and community living.

Tools for Life and the Awards Nomination Committee thank you for your consideration of this request and encourage you to nominate a deserving individual or team meeting the award qualifications for these outstanding honors. If you have any questions regarding the award or the nomination form, please email your questions to Liz Persaud at liz.persaud@gatfl.gatech.edu.

Awards Nominations Deadline
April 5, 2019

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I nominate (full name or names) _____
for the:

The Naomi Walker "Catalyst for Positive Change" Award
The Melinda Quinn "Squealy Wheel" Award
Excellence in AT Service Delivery Team Award
Tools for Life Visionary Award
Tools for Life Innovative Design Award
Tools for Life Emerging Leader Award

Nominee Contact Information

(Please type or print. Please provide contact information for each nominee, if you have multiple nominees.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

School (with County/District) or Organization: _____

Nominator Contact Information

(Please type or print.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

School (with County/District) or Organization: _____

Relation to Nominee: _____

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Nomination Statement*

If this nomination is a product, building, or project, please submit a minimum of three (3) digital photographs, as well as narrative descriptions.

**attach additional pages, if needed*

The nominee deserves this award because: