



Marilyn J. Smith Inspirational Award Nomination

This is a distinguished award that is named after Marilyn J. Smith, the founder of ADWAS. The ADWAS team desires to recognize individuals in the state of Washington, who have inspired others by their work of dedicated service, serving as role models, giving hope and inspiration to others in the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing, and late deafened communities. This is a statewide award and nominees must be currently active in the Washington state Deaf and DeafBlind communities.

Award Criteria:

Nominees must possess all 5 qualities:

- 1. Dedicated:** This person "stands out" in their service to individuals in the Deaf and/or DeafBlind communities. They have personally contributed time, energy, and effort on the mission to improve the quality of life for individuals within the Deaf and/or DeafBlind community.
- 2. Visionary:** This person creatively imagines a future without oppression or violence. This person is a powerful avenue for change, thinking outside of the "box".
- 3. Mission-Centered:** This person actively empowers marginalized members of the Deaf community (including but not limited to Deaf women, Black Deaf, Indigenous Deaf, Deaf People of color, DeafDisabled, Deafplus, DeafBlind, LGBTQ Deaf, and Deaf immigrants and refugees) and works to turn their vision of a more equitable future into reality.
- 4. Collaborative:** This person values the importance of collaboration both within and outside of the Deaf and DeafBlind Communities.
- 5. Inspirational:** This person has an unwavering passion that is contagious to those around them. Their work in the Deaf and/or DeafBlind community inspires others to be passionate about creating change in their respective communities.

Nominee Contact Information

Name of Nominee: _____
Address of Nominee: _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Nominee Phone/VP number _____
Nominee E-mail: _____

Nominator Contact Information:

Name of Nominator: _____
Address of Nominator: _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Nominator Phone/VP number _____
Nominator E-Mail: _____

Please describe below how the nominee meets the 5 qualities: (dedicated, visionary, mission-centered, collaborative, and inspirational) You may type or write below. *For VLOG nominations, please make sure the video is clear with good lighting on the face, under 5 minutes long and submitted to:

awardmjs@gmail.com by Friday, March 11, 2022.

Dedicated: _____

Visionary: _____

Mission-Centered: _____

Collaborative: _____

Inspirational: _____

Submitted by: _____ **(Date)** _____
(Nominator Signature)