

Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong

**JANET LAPERLE ENCOURAGEMENT
AWARD
Nomination Form**



The Janet Laperle Encouragement Award was established in 2021 and is given each year to one person who is seen as a mentor that encourages other self-advocates to reach their goals in advocating for their needs. They should embody the spirit, leadership, and encouraging nature of Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong's former Chairperson *Janet Laperle*. Janet was loved by many because she was genuinely interested in helping people advocate and reach their goals. She was a friend to anyone and everyone.

To nominate someone they must be:

- A leader and mentor in the self-advocacy movement who has the ability to guide and encourage other people to be strong self-advocates.
- A person who you see as someone who is not only a leader in Massachusetts, but also someone who spends time mentoring and encouraging other self-advocates.

NOMINATION SECTION

Please write the name of the person you feel should receive this very special encouragement award:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____ - _____

E-MAIL: _____

REGION: _____

PLEASE ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS BELOW ABOUT THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING. IF YOU NEED HELP, ASK A FRIEND, SUPPORT PERSON, YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR _____ OR CALL Angel at 857-360-0134.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY Friday, April 14, 2023
to the MASS office
PO Box 560100
Medford, MA 02156**

**or email Angel at info@WeAreMASS.org or call 857-360-0134
Thank you!!**

**You can also fill out this form online at
<https://www.wearemass.org/the-janet-laperle-encouragement-award>.**

1. Describe any leadership positions this person has held locally, regionally or statewide and how they encouraged other people and self-advocates to advocate for people with disabilities.

Please include how they took action and what the results were.

2. Has this person attended local or Regional Self Advocacy meetings?

Circle: Yes or No

2A. What about meetings outside of Massachusetts such as SABE?

Circle: Yes or No

2B. Which ones and what year(s)?

3. Name some of the things this self-advocate has done with other self-advocates to accomplish something outstanding.

4. Is this person involved with any groups or committees such as Citizens Advisory Board or any other organization? If so what group and what is their involvement?

5. Does this person serve on any other Committees, Boards or groups? If so, please name them.

6. How has this person encouraged and inspired others in the self-advocacy movement?

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