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**NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON
RECREATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

AWARDS PROGRAM

The Commission will present the following awards at the Annual Governor's Conference on Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities at the Crowne Plaza Monroe on Wednesday, May 16, 2012. All awards will not necessarily be given annually. Awards will be based upon merit. Please use the accompanying Nomination Fact Sheet for the nomination you wish to make.

All winners will be notified before the Conference.

AWARDS CRITERIA

AWARD: EVELYN ARONOW AWARD FOR ADVOCACY & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

CRITERIA: This is the most prestigious award of the Commission and is bestowed upon an individual, who through legislation, education, public relations, technical support, or financial support, has promoted growth and development, and made a lasting contribution to community recreation services for individuals with disabilities in New Jersey.

AWARD: NEW JERSEY DISTINGUISHED AGENCY RECREATION SERVICES

CRITERIA: These awards are bestowed by the Commission upon an agency that has developed outstanding recreation programs and services that demonstrate a commitment to the integration of people with and without disabilities. The program serves as an exemplary model for replication by other agencies and organizations. Three categories are established within this award; non-profit, governmental and for-profit. Whenever a cultural arts agency wins the award, it will be the Joyce Indik Cultural Arts Award.

AWARD: ALVIN SLOOTSKY EXEMPLARY RECREATION LIFESTYLE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL

CRITERIA: This award is bestowed by the Commission upon an individual with a disability who exemplifies a lifestyle enriched through participation in recreation experiences, and who by that participation may have enriched the lives of others.



AWARD: TED KAPLAN EXEMPLARY RECREATION GROUP

CRITERIA: This award is bestowed by the Commission upon any recreation group, club or sports team (two or more individuals with disabilities) that implements a unique team activity or activities to enhance the leisure lifestyle of individuals with disabilities through recreation or sports activities.

AWARD: RUTH HUGHES INNOVATIVE ACCESSIBLE RECREATION FACILITY

CRITERIA: This award is bestowed by the Commission upon a recreation facility where innovative accessible opportunities through cutting edge and creative design goes above and beyond compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and allows individuals with disabilities to use these facility for recreation and the pursuit of life-time experiences.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

1. Place nomination fact sheet as first page of your nomination indicating what category you chose to enter. Supporting information should follow. Carefully read category to make sure you apply correctly. Please limit your nomination to a **MAXIMUM of 5 pages, 12pt, double-spaced**, not including supporting documentation.
2. **Only one nomination per form.** Please copy this form if necessary.
3. **DEADLINE: Must be received by Friday, March 30, 2012.** Return all nominations to:

Patricia Swartz, Executive Secretary
NJ Commission on Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities
Department of Community Affairs
101 South Broad Street
P.O. Box 811
Trenton, NJ 08625-0811
Attention: Awards Committee

4. If there are any questions, please call Patricia Swartz at (609) 984-6654 or Rodney Jenkins at (609) 943-5852.

Visit the NJ Office of Recreation website at www.nj.gov/dca/dcr/rec for Conference updates.

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In memory of Evelyn N. Aronow**

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NOMINATION FACT SHEET

I (we) hereby nominate _____ for
the (check one of the following categories):

- _____ Evelyn Aronow Citizens Award
- _____ New Jersey Distinguished Agency Recreation Services Award
_____ nonprofit _____ governmental _____ private
- _____ Joyce Indik Cultural Arts Award
- _____ Alvin Sloatsky Exemplary Recreation Lifestyle for an Individual Award
- _____ Ted Kaplan Exemplary Recreation Group Award
- _____ Ruth Hughes Innovative Accessible Recreation Facility Award

Address of nominee: _____

Telephone: _____

Address of individual making nomination:

Telephone: _____

Please attach a short statement (maximum 5 pages, 12pt, double-spaced) that describes why you believe your nomination deserves to win the award. All back-up documentation should be attached to this nomination sheet. Back up documentation is not part of the 5 page maximum limitation. Thank you for your nomination. It is always difficult to choose a winner when all nominations, from our past experience, are winners.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

