



NorthWest Senior and Disability Services Lee Hazelwood Advocacy Award



Background and Description

The Lee Hazelwood Advocacy Award was established in 2016, to celebrate the life of Lee Hazelwood (May 2, 1920-December 7, 2015) who, for more than 30 years, devoted his time at the Oregon capitol as an unpaid advocate for seniors and people with disabilities. He initiated the establishment of Oregon Project Independence and fought for its funding. He served numerous terms on NorthWest Senior and Disability Services Senior Advisory Council as well as on the Governor's Commission on Aging, the Stayton City Council, and the Silver Haired Congress in Washington DC. Lee left a permanent mark on the lives of many people. He advocated for OPI day in and day out and became known as the "OPI Guy" by government officials and his community. His unstoppable advocating efforts were critical in raising awareness and funding for OPI and many other programs.

This award honors the memory of Lee's life and his amazing dedication by recognizing an individual leader, who in the most recent year, has mirrored Lee's inspiring devotion to the advocacy and welfare of Oregon seniors and people with disabilities. The award will distinguish the individual's ability to give, advocate, and volunteer their time and efforts within NorthWest Senior and Disability Services, the community, and the state and federal government. NorthWest Senior and Disability Services is honored to present the Lee Hazelwood Advocacy Award in remembrance of Lee's lifelong legacy to the programs and mission of NorthWest Senior and Disability Services.

Criteria/Eligibility

This award will be given to an individual who exhibited one or more of the following:

- Took initiative to establish an effective activity that advocated for a specific issue or program related to seniors and people with disabilities;
- Demonstrated personal efforts that were critical to passing a favored legislation or preventing legislation that would be detrimental to seniors and people with disabilities;
- Provided leadership and creativity in devising strategies that enhanced the overall advocacy of the people who NWSDS serves.

The award is given based on an individual's personal achievement and commitment. It is not given to groups of people or organizations. Previous candidates who were not selected may be re-nominated.

Nomination Process

Who can submit a nomination?

- Nominations are open to the public.

What must each nomination include?

- Each nomination must include a nomination application and a letter from the nominator explaining the qualifications of the candidate and an explanation of the reasons why the candidate should receive the award
- All nominations must be received by **November 15**.

Selection Process

How will the recipient be selected?

- NWSDS Joint Legislative and Advocacy Committee and Nominating Committee review and select the finalists.
- The finalist will be forwarded to the council chairs, council vice chairs, and NWSDS executive directors for a final decision.

Nature of Award

How often will we present this award?

- This award will be presented annually in the first week of February. Nominations will reopen on **May 1** of every year and must be submitted no later than **November 15** of that same year.

Where will the award be presented?

- The award will be presented at Oregon State Capitol Building or other appropriate venue.

What will the recipient receive?

- The recipient will be presented with a personalized plaque as well as a plaque that will be showcased at NorthWest Senior and Disability Services.

How will it be announced?

- The recipient of this award will receive a phone call as well as an award letter and invitation to the award ceremony.
- Recipient will be announced in the agency website and publications as well as in local newspapers.

Submission Package

Please attach to the application a formal nomination letter describing the qualifications of the candidate. The letter should be approximately 400 words (with all necessary supporting documentation) and explain why the candidate should be presented the Lee Hazelwood Advocacy Award. This information will not be returned, please DO NOT send original documents.

Information provided on this application is confidential and will only be used for the purpose of this award. Applicants will be contacted once a decision is made. If you need this information presented in an alternate format, please call 503-304-3451. All applications must be submitted by mail, fax, or email by November 15, 2018.

Lee Hazelwood Advocacy Award Nomination Application

Name of Nominee:
Email Address:
Telephone Number:
Website (if applicable):
Occupation:
Address:
City, Zip:

Name of Nominator:
Email:
Telephone:
Address:
City, Zip:

Please provide two additional references for the nominee:

Name:	Name:
Email:	Email:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Relationship:	Relationship:

Please attach a formal nomination letter of approx. 400 words to the application. All applications must be submitted by mail, fax, or email by **November 15, 2018**.

Send your submission package to:

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