Jernigan Award Winners

The Jernigan Award has been presented to a blind member of the NFB of Missouri for exceptional long term service to blind persons of the state. It is only presented when a suitable recipient is determined to deserve our highest honor; therefore as of 2021 the award has been presented 45 times out of a possible 56 years. The Jernigan Award was originally the Parin D. McElroy Award. Resolution 73.01 changed the name of the Parin D. McElroy Award to the Kenneth Jernigan Award on April 15,1973 with Dr. Jernigan present at the Aladdin Hotel in Kansas City.

**1966:** Parin D. McElroy Award, Larry Tittle

**1967:**  Parin D. McElroy Award, Dora Tolle

**1969:** Parin D. McElroy Award - Gwen Rittgers

1970- Parin McElroy - Polly Salter

1971 - Parin McElroy - Cotton Busby

**1972:** Parin D. McElroy Award - George Rittgers

**1973 Jernigan/** Parin D. McElroy Award, N**el Martin**

**1975:** Jernigan, Rhoda Dower

**1976:** Jernigan, Tiny Beedle

**1977:** Jernigan, Margaret Bohley

**1978:** Jernigan, John Dower

**1979:** Jernigan, Gary Wunder

**1980:** Jernigan, Tom Stevens

**1981:** Jernigan, Jana Sims (Moynihan)

**1982:** Jernigan, Billie Weaver

**1983:** Jernigan, \*Nick and Debbie Whitney

**1984:** Jernigan, Loretta Benavidez

**1985:** Jernigan, Bill Neal

**1986:** Jernigan, Pauline Murphy

**1987:** Jernigan, Rita Lynch

**1988:** Jernigan, Roy Zuvers

**1989:** Jernigan, Ed Bryant

**1991:** Jernigan Jim Moynihan

**1992:** Jernigan, Melvin Lewis

**1993:** Jernigan, Debbie Worley (Wunder)

**1994:** Jernigan, Carol Coulter

**1995:** Jernigan, John Ford

**1996:** Jernigan, Patricia Morrow

**1997:** Jernigan, Susan Ford

**1998:** Jernigan, Larry Murphy

**1999:** Jernigan, Eugene Coulter

**2000:** Jernigan, Shelia Wright

**2001:** Jernigan, Martha Young

**2002:** Jernigan, Dick Morris

**2003:**  Jernigan, Ruby Polk

2005 Jernigan Pat Arnold

2007 Jernigan -Jeremiah Wells

2012 Jernigan -Dan Flasar

2015 Jernigan- Gary Horchem

2016 Dacia Cole

2017 Chris Tisdal

2019 Julie McGinnity

2020 Robin House

2021 -Gene Fleeman

2022 -Daniel Garcia

2023 -Jenny Carmack

\*The award may now be presented to only one person.