



Advocates in Disability Award (ADA) Program

The purpose of the ADA Program is to award and encourage a young individual with a disability between the ages of 14 and 26, who has dedicated himself/herself to positively affecting the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families in the United States. The Program also supports an innovative project - that serves and empowers individuals with disabilities - developed by this young person.

The Advocates in Disability Award (ADA) is a program of The HSC Foundation, funded in part by the Sarah Beth Coyote Foundation. The selected recipient is awarded \$3,000 in recognition of his/her past disability advocacy and will receive up to an additional \$7,000 in funding support for his/her proposed project that focuses on serving and empowering individuals with disabilities.

The ADA program seeks a deserving young person who has distinguished himself/herself through contributions in the area of disability. Some examples of qualified applicants could include (but are not limited to): a student who is advocating for equal access to quality education, a young professional educating an employer about workplace accommodations, or a young person advocating for better policies and legislation for people with disabilities. This person does not have to be a “professional” advocate, but should be effectively working to make a difference. The ADA seeks to recognize and award individuals who are advocates through their deep belief and commitment to the inclusion and empowerment of all people with disabilities.

Applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States at the time of application submission and recipient selection.

The Advocates in Disability Award Program is part of The HSC Foundation’s National Youth Transitions Initiative.

About The HSC Foundation:

The HSC Foundation is dedicated to improving access to services for individuals who face social and health care barriers due to disability, chronic illness, or other circumstances that present unique needs. The Foundation serves as the supporting organization to Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc., The HSC Pediatric Center, and HSC Home Care, LLC. Together, these organizations comprise The HSC Health Care System. The HSC Health Care System offers a comprehensive approach to caring, serving, and empowering individuals with disabilities.

2014 Advocates in Disability Award (ADA) Application

****Please review the ADA Guidelines prior to completing this application****

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Date of Birth: _____

Applicant Mailing Address: _____

City:_____ **State:**_____ **Zip Code:**_____

Applicant Phone Number: _____

Applicant Email Address: _____

Please specify your disability(s)_____

Name of Employer (if you are employed) _____

Please respond to the following questions (responses should be enclosed in the application):

- **In 500 words or less, please describe yourself and your current/previous work that impacts/impacted the lives of individuals with disabilities.**
- **In 600 words or less, please describe the project that you would develop and/or expand and implement with up to \$7,000 in funding. The project should serve and empower individuals with disabilities.**

Each applicant must submit two (2) letters of reference or support from individuals familiar with the applicant's work that positively impacts the disability community.

Reference #1 – Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Reference #2 – Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Does your proposed project involve partnering with an organization(s)?
Yes ____ **No** ____

If the implementation or expansion of your project involves partnering with an organization, you must submit a partnership letter from the organization(s) involved.

Semi-finalists will be contacted for phone interviews.

By submitting an application, you are confirming the following:

- You are between the ages of 14 and 26
- You are a person with a disability
- You currently reside in the United States
- You are **not** an employee of The HSC Health Care System or a family member/member of its Board of Directors or the Youth Transitions Collaborative Leadership Council
- If Selected, you are able to attend the ADA Reception on June 12, 2014 in Washington, DC (travel and accommodations will be provided as necessary)
- If selected, you are willing to participate in a monthly conference call with a staff member of The HSC Foundation (HSCF) and provide status updates on your project
- If selected, you will provide HSCF with an interim progress report (by December 5, 2014), and a final report (by May 29, 2015) detailing the project's successes and outcomes, as well as challenges and barriers. The final report shall also include an account of all expenditures for the project
- You will make every effort to promote the (ADA) Program and the National Youth Transitions Center in your advocacy work, including your participation in various HSCF activities and/ or activities arranged by HSCF
- You are providing permission to The HSC Foundation to use photos and materials related to you and your ADA project for marketing/PR, education, and promotional purposes

Applicant's Signature

Date

If applicant is under the age of 18 years old,

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

**Applications must be received by: April 11, 2014 (by 5:00pm ET)
Submit your application (including letters of reference or support and partnership letter(s), if applicable) via the Internet at:**

www.hscfoundation.org/2014ADA.php

Applications can also be submitted by mail (postmarked by April 11th), please mail application materials to:

**The HSC Foundation
ATTN: Ryan Easterly
2013 H Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20006**

Incomplete applications and/or applications without two (2) letters of reference and partnership letter(s), if applicable, will not receive consideration.