



**Mission:**

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**Direct Support Professional Association of Minnesota  
Call for Award Nominations**

The Direct Support Professional Association of Minnesota (DSPAM) is a membership organization of individuals who are employed in a variety of settings that support and assist people with disabilities in living full and productive lives.

DSPAM is dedicated to the development of a highly competent and professional human services workforce by supporting and working together with Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), self-advocates, families and allies.

DSPAM is seeking nominations in several categories to recognize the outstanding contributions of DSPs in working with people who have disabilities. Eligible individuals are those whose job duties involve working at least 50% of the time in providing direct care support to people who have disabilities.

The awards will be presented on September 13, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. at Columbia Golf Manor, 3300 Central Ave., N.E., Minneapolis, MN during the annual celebration of Direct Support Professionals Week. Selected applicants should be able to attend the event in person.

Nominations are due by 4:30 P.M. on September 2, 2009. Completed nomination forms should be emailed to Lindsay Short at [lshort@kaposia.com](mailto:lshort@kaposia.com).

Nominees will be selected by September 4, 2009. Award winners will be notified directly by a representative of DSPAM.

**Nominations are being accepted for the following Award Categories:**

**Personal Assistance Direct Support Professional of the Year-** Recognizes an individual who uses the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals Code of Ethics when providing outstanding quality of personal assistant services to people who have physical or cognitive impairments and who live independently.

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**Employment Direct Support Professional of the Year-** Recognizes an individual who uses the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals Code of Ethics when providing outstanding employment placement or ongoing support services to people who have disabilities.

**Residential Direct Support Professional of the Year-** Recognizes an individual who uses the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals Code of Ethics when providing outstanding residential support services to people whom reside in licensed settings.

**Community Involvement Direct Support Professional of the Year-** Recognizes an individual who uses the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals Code of Ethics when providing outstanding services supporting people with disabilities in participating in self-advocacy, recreation, or other community involvement activities.

**Public Awareness Direct Support Professional of the Year-** Recognizes an individual who uses the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals Code of Ethics when providing outstanding services in training direct support professionals, families, or self-advocates or in advocating for local, state or national policies directly impacting Direct Support Professionals.

**Please review the attached abbreviated National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals Code of Ethics prior to applying.** The full version can be downloaded at [www.nadsp.org](http://www.nadsp.org).



**Direct Support Professional Association of Minnesota  
Annual Award Nomination Form**

Name of Person Being Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address, Phone Number and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Person Submitting the Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Address, Phone Number and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you know the Nominee? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Address, Phone Number and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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If selected, will the Nominee attend the Awards Ceremony at 3:00 P.M. on September 13 at Columbia Golf Manor, 3300 Central Ave. N.E.?  Yes  No

Number of Years the Nominee has been employed as a Direct Support Professional: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Current Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Percent of the Nominee's job duties that involve providing direct support to people whom have disabilities: \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Category for This Nominee (See description of categories above):**

Personal Assistant Direct Support Professional of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Direct Support Professional of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Direct Support Professional of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

Community Involvement Direct Support Professional of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

Public Awareness Direct Support Professional of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please describe why this nominee is deserving of the award. Include examples of outstanding services to those people this person supports that have enabled the individuals served to be successful. Please limit the response to 200 words or less. Submit separate page if this space is not sufficient. \_\_\_\_\_

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