

**“STEP UP for Down Syndrome”  
Lori M. Siegal Partners in Progress Award  
Nomination Form & Criteria 2017**

**The award is given to someone in the community who has demonstrated exemplary actions in promoting the inclusion and acceptance of individuals with Down syndrome in one or more of the categories below. Nominee must meet all 4 Criteria.**

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nominee Full Address, phone, email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nominator Full Address, phone, email:** \_\_\_\_\_

***CRITERIA***

- Nominee resides in the Mid-South area.**
- These actions will have or have had long term effects on community awareness of inclusion and acceptance of individuals with Ds.**
- These actions will or have contributed to the growth and development of DSAM and its mission.**
- A person may be nominated every year for this award, but this award can only be awarded to the same individual once every five years.**

***CATEGORIES - Please mark one***

- A member of the education community who, in or outside of the classroom, instills in others the acceptance of individuals with Down syndrome and promotes inclusive education best practices.**
- An employer who has hired and trained individuals with Down syndrome and who promotes employment opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome.**
- An employee who has worked to facilitate the entry of individuals with Ds into the workplace, or has worked to increase public awareness of the importance of individuals with Ds in the workplace.**
- A group or organization (community association, church group...) that has demonstrated support and acceptance of individuals with Ds.**
- An organization that has shown understanding and awareness of the residential needs of individuals with Ds or has made housing available and accessible for tenants with Ds.**
- An individual who has contributed exemplary efforts toward the empowerment of people with Ds and has worked actively to promote the mission of the DSAM in the community.**
- A group that has made efforts towards enhancing transportation needs of individuals with Ds.**

***PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER STATING YOUR REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS INDIVIDUAL/ORGANIZATION***