

Autism Council of Utah

Award Nomination Guidelines

The Autism Council of Utah is an independent Council working to foster collaboration, communication, and learning among families and agencies. Our aim is to promote access to resources and responsible information for individuals of all ages who have, or are affected by autism, or related conditions. The Council will accomplish this by supporting statewide partnerships to collaborate on special projects, research, and training.

ACU Award Guidelines

- Nominations will be considered by the Autism Council of Utah (ACU) Leadership Team throughout the year and award recipients will be selected that are appropriate for each category. A winner is not necessarily chosen from all categories. All winners will be notified and recognized at a bi-annual ACU meeting, unless otherwise specified.
- All awards, except the “instant recognition” award will be given at a bi-annual ACU meeting.
- All items or information requested is required to receive an award.
- All award submissions, including books, documentation, videos, etc. cannot be guaranteed to be returned.

Award Categories

- Education – Autism Program of the Year

Any educational or school setting, small or large, public or private, demonstrating effectiveness in working with individuals with autism and their families to bring about positive change, and by supporting the goals and mission of the Autism Council of Utah.

- Outstanding Individual of the Year

Any individual demonstrating exceptional effort or achievement, and dedication to improve the lives of individuals with autism, such as community awareness, advocacy, or another significant accomplishment contributing to achieving the goals and mission of the Autism Council of Utah.

- Outstanding Company of the Year

Any company demonstrating advocacy in hiring, charitable giving, and implementing programs which improve the lives of individuals with autism and support the goals and mission of the Autism Council of Utah.

- Agency Advocacy for Autism Award

Any State or private agency making a significant contribution to the cause of autism by developing or enhancing programs, improving the lives of individuals with autism, or another significant accomplishment contributing to achieving the goals and mission of the Autism Council of Utah.

- Instant Recognition – “I’m a Piece of the Puzzle” Award

Any instance of goodness for individuals with autism and their families, a kind word, going above and beyond, special help, or any other contribution to the cause of autism.

Criteria for Awards

- Takes initiative to support the goals and mission statement of the ACU in helping individuals with autism, i.e. autism services, communication, collaboration, implementation of autism programs, advocacy.
- Talks about it, demonstrates it, and delivers it – the cause for autism.
- Makes a difference in bringing about positive change for individuals with autism and their families and caregivers.
- Achieves successful results in furthering the cause for autism.

Required Information

- Completed ACU Award Nomination Form – found on www.autismcouncilofutah.org
- Letters of recommendation/nomination from at least one customer/consumer of the award category
- Samples of programs, or written documentation to support information submitted
- Information regarding how success is measured or tracked
- Information regarding strategies, process steps, and related costs
- Other supporting documentation such as pictures, videos, books, and comments or personal experiences

