

NOD NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

The purpose of the National Organization on Disability (NOD) National Partnership Awards competition is to recognize, demonstrate and promote replication of exemplary and innovative programs that improve access to jobs, education, religious worship, voting, transportation, housing, social opportunities, recreation, cultural and sports activities or emergency preparedness for people with disabilities.

The American Association of Museums (AAM) joins NOD and the award sponsor, Prudential, in promoting full participation of persons with physical, sensory and mental disabilities in all aspects of life. AAM's partnership with NOD, the only national disability network organization concerned with all disabilities, age groups and issues, reflects a commitment to promoting full accessibility and diversity in museums and to sharing best practices with the entire museum field.

A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded to an American museum that has made an outstanding contribution in promoting the community inclusion of people with disabilities, by enhancing accessibility, creating inclusive programming or other means. All entries will be judged by a panel chosen by AAM and NOD. The winner will be announced by Oct. 1, 2007.

Application Guidelines

Please answer all questions as completely as possible. Limit your application to four pages of double-spaced text. The selection committee will not accept as complete any nomination that uses resumes, newspaper articles, annual reports, etc. in lieu of responses to the standard questions. Please attach a copy of the nominated organization's annual report (if applicable) as well as a copy of the mission statement. Up to three items of relevant material, e.g. photocopies of newspaper articles and brochures, may also be included with the application.

Postmark application and supporting materials by July 30 to:

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS
1575 EYE STREET, NW, SUITE 400
WASHINGTON, DC 20005
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Or via email to:

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NOD National Partnership Awards 2007
Commemorating 25 years of promoting community inclusion

Official Entry Form

Organization Name: _____

Name of CEO: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____ Web address: _____

Contact person for award notification in addition to Organization CEO

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

I HAVE READ AND APPROVED THE SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION:

SUBMITTED BY

DATE

SIGNATURE OF CEO

DATE

A. DEMOGRAPHICS AWARENESS

20% of total score Judges will be looking for knowledge about the number of people with disabilities who live, learn, work and play in your community. This knowledge demonstrates your organization's impact on the potential target population

A-1 The number of citizens with disabilities in our community, is _____

To obtain this information, go to <http://censtats.census.gov/pub/> and select "Profiles/shtml". For communities and counties: 1) select your State in the first box, 2) enter the name of your community or county in the second box, 3) click "Go".

On page 2 locate "Disability Status of the Civilian Non-institutionalized Population". Look at the numbers for each age bracket to obtain the appropriate total. If more than one age group is served by your program, add the applicable numbers to determine the total.

B. GOALS OF COMMUNITY INCLUSION

30% of total score NOD's mission reflects deeply held American ideals that the potential of an individual's contributions to their communities should not be limited by arbitrary, unjust or outmoded societal attitudes and practices. Judges will be looking for program models that support education or action related to the promotion of access to the following aspects of community life:

- Employment
- Education
- Religious worship
- Voting
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social opportunities
- Recreation, cultural or sports activities
- Emergency preparedness.

B-1 Describe below what your organization has done to: 1) increase general knowledge about the need for inclusion or 2) promote inclusion in one or more areas of community life for people with disabilities, such as access to jobs, education, religious worship, voting, transportation, housing, social opportunities, recreation, cultural or sports activities, or emergency preparedness.

C. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

20% of total score Judges will be looking for *evidence of strong* community involvement in your project.

- C-1** Number of organization members participating _____
Number of community adults participating _____
Number of community children/youth participating _____
Publicity, if any (please attach list with date, publication, TV or radio name—don't forget website postings)

D. PROGRAM OUTCOMES

30% of total score Judges will be looking for how your project resulted/will result in a better community that encourages participation by people with disabilities.

- D-1** Describe the changes resulting from your project.