

**INCLUSION CHAMPION
Award Program**

The **MEAF Inclusion Champion Award** honors one individual annually who has made significant efforts to promote the full inclusion of youth with disabilities in society. The focus of the efforts may include, but is not limited to, helping to create a culture of inclusion within an organization or community or developing innovative strategies for inclusive programming in: school activities, after-school programs, community service, and leadership development.



The *Inclusion Champion* is selected each year by a panel of experts in the field, and it is presented during the Kids Included Together (KIT) annual conference. The award consists of a trophy and \$1000 donated to the charity of the Champion's choice.

Criteria for selection:

- ⑥ Evidence that attitudes have changed and inclusion has been embraced due to the individual's efforts
- ⑥ Measurable impact on the lives of young people with and without disabilities due to the individual's efforts
- ⑥ Sustainability of inclusion outcomes

To nominate, please send a letter (maximum 2 pages exclusive of attachments) with the following information:

1. Name of nominated individual and contact information;
2. Name of nominator and contact information;
3. Detailed description of individual's inclusion efforts and their outcomes;
4. Where possible, include testimony of children and others impacted by these efforts;
5. Photos, media articles and support letters may be attached, (maximum of 5 pages of attachments; note that these items will not be returned).

Please submit your nomination via email or mail by May 1st to:

Inclusion Champion Award, c/o Kids Included Together

2820 Roosevelt Rd, Suite 202

San Diego, CA 92106

or email: info@kitonline.org