"I Am the Strength Behind Ataxia"© Award Nominations

Do you know someone who has made a difference in the ataxia community? Tell us about them! The National Ataxia Foundation will be honoring outstanding ataxia community members in March at the 2013 NAF Annual Membership Meeting. In print and online, we will shine a spotlight on those who give back to the ataxia community every day. Nominations are due by November 1.

Submissions deadline: November 1
Selected nominees will be notified: November 30 and announced at the 56th Annual Membership Meeting and in the Spring 2013 edition of *Generations*. Selected nominees will be awarded an "I Am the Strength Behind Ataxia" Award, be features in *Generations*, included on our website, and posted on NAF social media networks!

Who should I nominate?
You're welcome to nominate yourself or anyone that you feel has made a difference in the ataxia community. Whether it's a person with ataxia who has inspired you, an advocate for ataxia research, a friend who has taken on the cause, a caregiver who is an endless source of encouragement, a healthcare provider who constantly works to make your life easier, or an ataxia researcher searching for more answers – we want to hear their story! You can even honor the memory of a loved one by telling us how they contributed to the fight against ataxia.

How do I nominate someone?
Write a few paragraphs (250 words or less) about the person you're nominating. In your submission tell us why your nominee is the Strength Behind Ataxia. Be specific and give examples of how your nominee is changing lives for people with ataxia. Then fill out the entry form. The entry form can be found on the NAF website and in the Summer 2012 issue of *Generations*. You can then e-mail or mail in your essay with the entry form to lori@ataxia.org or NAF, 2600 Fernbrook Lane N, Suite 119, Minneapolis, MN 55447. Please send a photo of the person you are nominating with the entry form along with your essay.

What will happen to my entry?
Your entry will be reviewed by the award committee after the submissions deadline in November. You may be contacted if additional information is needed about the individual you have nominated for this award.

Who is chosen for the award?
All nominees will be considered, but two outstanding nominees will be selected to receive an "I Am the Strength Behind Ataxia" (SBA) Award! These individuals will receive the SBA Award at the 56th NAF AMM and will also be spotlighted on the Foundation's website and in *Generations*. See the Award Nomination Rules for more details. Selected nominees will be featured at the NAF 56th NAF Annual Membership Meeting in Detroit, MI on March 15-17, 2013.

How are the awarded nominees selected?
The NAF Award Panel will carefully review all the nominations, and select the awarded Nominees, by November 21. NAF will contact the selected nominees by November 30.

Great! What's the deadline?
The deadline for submitting nominations is November 1.

Is there anything else I need to know?
Read the Award Nomination Rules for additional information.

I still have questions. Who do I contact?
Please contact Lori Shogren, Special Projects Coordinator at *lori@ataxia.org* or (763) 553-0020.

Entry Form

Rules