

From: Awards Committee
To: Chapter Officers
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Subj: Annual Awards

The Montana Association for the Blind has established three awards as a means of recognizing outstanding service rendered on behalf of the association and the Blind of Montana. They are described on the following pages. The Awards Committee invites local chapters and individuals to submit nominations.

Please use the enclosed forms to submit nominations. If more forms are needed, please photocopy one of these. Use one form per nomination and be certain to complete all sections, especially the request for information of service rendered and biographical sketch. **Nominations will be accepted through April 26.**

Mail nominations to 1302 24th St. W. PMB 134, Billings, MT 59102

If you have questions, please call us.

DOROTHY C. BRIDGMAN AWARD

In 1970 the Montana Association for the Blind established the Dorothy C. Bridgman award in memory and honor of her faithful service to the Blind of Montana. It is presented to a resident of Montana from time to time at the Association's annual convention banquet. The Awards Committee selects the recipient from nominations submitted for consideration. Following are the guidelines used for choosing a recipient of the award:

1. The award is to be given from time to time but not necessarily each year.
2. The nominee must be a resident of Montana.
3. The nominee must have rendered outstanding service to the blind of Montana.
4. The nominee can be a member or non-member of the MAB.
5. The nominee may be either blind or sighted.
6. The nominee may be a professional or non-professional in the field of work for the blind.
7. Nominations may be submitted by an MAB chapter or by an MAB member.
8. An MAB chapter or an MAB member may submit more than one nomination if desired.
9. An award is not to be given posthumously.

Keith E. Denton Award

During the 1978 MAB convention a resolution was passed establishing the Keith E. Denton award. This is in recognition of the many years Keith gave in faithful service toward fulfillment of the development and objectives of the MAB. The award is presented to the "Outstanding Member of the Year" at the annual convention banquet. The Awards Committee will select such an MAB member each year from nominees submitted by both local chapters and individual members. The Committee requests that the following guidelines be followed:

1. A person nominated must be a member who has rendered outstanding service of statewide benefit to the MAB in general.
2. The service must have been rendered since the last MAB convention.

Local Chapter Recognition Certificate

By approval of the MAB board of directors the Awards Committee established a plan for recognition of a local chapter member that has rendered exceptional service on behalf of the blind in the community. The recognition will be in the form of a certificate to be presented at the MAB annual convention. Following are the guidelines.

1. The certificate is to be awarded to a member of the local MAB chapter.
2. The local MAB chapter shall select the recipient of the certificate of recognition.
3. The local chapter shall decide each year whether it wishes to award a certificate or not.

AWARDS NOMINATION

Nominee _____

Address

Local Chapter _____ _Date _____

For which award is this nomination made? Check only one.

_____ Dorothy C. Bridgman Award

_____ Keith E. Denton Award

_____ Local Chapter Recognition Certificate

In the space below please give a full description of service rendered by the nominee. (For the Keith E. Denton award, the service must have been rendered since the last MAB convention.)

Please use space on other side to give a biographical sketch of the nominee.

Is nominee a resident of Montana?	Yes	No
Is nominee a member of the MAB?	Yes	No
Is nominee visually handicapped?	Yes	No
Who is submitting this nomination?	_____	_____