

CREATIVE FUTURES RECOGNITION AWARDS 2020



NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Please note: Nominations must be submitted no later than **11.30pm, Sunday 11 October 2020**.

Autism Queensland recognises the outstanding achievements of individuals on the autism spectrum, parents/carers, professionals, schools, businesses, community organisations, volunteers and others through our Creative Futures Recognition Awards.

In 2020, awards will be presented in five categories at an invitation only event hosted by the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, and Mrs Kaye de Jersey on **Thursday, 3 December 2020** at Government House, Brisbane.

1. AUTISM QUEENSLAND INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CRITERIA	This award will be presented to an individual of any age on the autism spectrum to recognise personal achievement.
NOMINATIONS	Anyone can nominate an individual on the autism spectrum for achievements over the last five years. We encourage nominations from family members and service providers in the field. Self-nominations are also welcomed.

2. AUTISM QUEENSLAND PARENT/CARER AWARD

CRITERIA	This award will be presented to an individual who is a parent or non-paid carer of a person on the autism spectrum. It is important to recognise the valued contributions of parents and carers and the role they play in supporting individuals on the spectrum.
NOMINATIONS	Anyone can nominate a parent or carer of a person on the autism spectrum. We encourage nominations from family and service providers in the field. Self-nominations are not encouraged.

3. AUTISM QUEENSLAND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CRITERIA	This award recognises excellence by a professional working with people on the autism spectrum, or in this field. The recipient will have a demonstrable track record of professional excellence in their chosen discipline.
NOMINATIONS	Anyone can nominate a person who they feel has made a significant contribution to the autism community through their professional activities. Self-nominations will also be considered. Autism Queensland staff may NOT be nominated or self-nominate.

4. AUTISM QUEENSLAND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY AWARD

CRITERIA	This award recognises excellence by a school/community organisation/business delivering education/support to individuals on the autism spectrum. The recipient will have a demonstrable track record of successfully supporting individuals on the spectrum and professional excellence in their chosen discipline.
NOMINATIONS	Anyone can nominate a school/community organisation/business they feel has made a significant contribution to people living with/supporting others with autism. Autism Queensland may NOT be nominated for this award.

5. AUTISM QUEENSLAND PATRONAGE AWARD

CRITERIA	This award acknowledges outstanding Patronage and/or Philanthropic support of Autism Queensland. The award may be presented to an individual or business entity.
NOMINATIONS	Autism Queensland will take a lead role in nominations in this category.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

AWARDS TIMELINE:

Closing date, **Sunday 11 October 2020.**

Presentation of Awards: **Thursday 3 December 2020.**

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

An Award winner will be selected for each category.

From the nominations, the judging panel may award any number of special commendations

Award Recipient(s) and Special Commendations will be acknowledged on the Autism Queensland website.

HOW TO ENTER:

All nominations must be made via the [online nomination form](#).

- Carefully read the criteria for the different awards and choose the category that best suits the person/school/organisation you are nominating. You may nominate a person or organisation in more than one Award Category, however each nomination must be completed on a separate form.
- If you are nominating someone else, you **MUST** have obtained their permission to share their personal details with Autism Queensland. Include supporting information (eg resume of nominee, brochures, essays) where possible.

All entries must be received at Autism Queensland by 11.30pm, Sunday 11 October 2020.

WHAT THE JUDGING PANEL WILL LOOK FOR:

- Nominations that best fit the Award Category and criteria.
- Clear and concise reasons for the nomination.
- Clear description of the nominee's involvement and achievements in the autism field, backed by supporting information.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:

- No alterations to nomination forms will be permitted after submission.
- Autism Queensland reserves the right to use the material submitted for promotion of the Awards (eg on social media, media releases and AQ website) as well as for future Awards.
- Autism Queensland will not accept any responsibility for lost or misdirected nominations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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