



## NATIONAL BLACK ASSOCIATION FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE and HEARING

### 2010 NBASLH Communication Excellence AWARD \*\*\*CALL FOR NOMINATIONS\*\*\*

#### BACKGROUND

The NBASLH Communication Excellence Award was created as a vehicle for recognizing a black individual in the community who has had or currently has a communication impairment; and yet has made worthy contributions to humankind, or has otherwise reached impressive goals of personal achievement in spite of his/her communication impairment.

Such worthy accomplishments may be identified and modeled through the outstanding achievements of Mr. Bob Love, who was the first award recipient. For whom the award was originally named. Mr. Love has publicly identified himself as an individual who stutters, and has experienced stuttering as a communication disorder. He has earned the distinguished honor of being an outstanding professional basketball player with the Chicago Bulls, and an advocate for enhancing the social, educational, and employment opportunities for young children, including those who are often intimidated by the experience of stuttering. In 1994, Mr. Love was appointed an honorary spokesperson for National Stuttering Week by the Stuttering Foundation of America.

Mr. Love's achievements as a former athlete and humanitarian reflect an individual's determination and strong resolve to excel in spite of very difficult odds. He is a role model who projects the persona of an individual who cares about people, and is willing to invest his achievements in their well being. It is, therefore, this mark of excellence in which this award shall always be manifested and measured.

The award is an honor of distinction for the recipient and is symbolized by the presentation of a gift of art along with a recognition certificate plaque. The recipient of the 2010 Communication Excellence Award will be announced and recognized during NBASLH's Annual Convention in Tampa, Florida, April 15-18, 2010.

#### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Professionals or students in the professions of communication sciences and disorders; or consumers who have received or are receiving speech, language, and/or hearing services
- Black aged 13 or above
- An Individual who are living successfully with a communication disorder
- Communication impairment diagnosed by an ASHA- certified speech-language pathologist and / or audiologist
- Outstanding accomplishments recognized at the local, national or international level
- Exemplify the ideals of NBASLH and its advocacy for effective communication among black individuals

#### NOMINATION PROCESS

The following items should be included in the Nomination Packet and submitted to the NBASLH Awards and Scholarship Committee via U.S. Postal or email no later than **February 5, 2010**:

- Completed nomination form
- Letters of support
- Two-page narrative describing accomplishments of nominee's accomplishments
- Photograph

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**\*\*\*\*\*NOMINATION FORM\*\*\*\*\***

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip code)  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(work) (home)

- Provide the names and affiliations of three (3) professionals (e.g., speech-language pathologists, audiologists, speech-hearing scientists, related professionals, community representatives, etc.) submitting letters of support on behalf of the nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (affiliation)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (affiliation)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (affiliation)

- Submit a narrative (limited to two typed pages; single-spaced) describing the candidate's accomplishments and contributions to the community making him/her uniquely suited to receive this distinguished award. Include a description of the candidate's educational and/or professional background, community service, professional honors; and a summary of the candidate's communication impairment (including diagnostic findings and treatment history, name and affiliation of certified professional providing services, etc.).
- Submit a photograph (head shots only.) If nominee is selected, the photograph will appear in the Convention Program.

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip code)  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(work) (home)

This form should be submitted as the cover sheet to the supporting material requested above. One (1) copy **must be received** by the NBASLH office via U.S. Postal or email no later than **February 5, 2010**.

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