



Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities

February 4, 2025

Dear Agency Representative:

The Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities is proud to present the annual Dr. John E. Morley Award, named after the inaugural recipient, Dr. John E. Morley. Dr. Morley is one of the nation's foremost authorities on geriatrics and an avid advocate for people with developmental disabilities who are aging. This award will be given to an individual who has demonstrated commitment and leadership in reducing barriers for or creating new opportunities for persons who are at least 50 years of age and have a developmental disability. Criteria to be eligible for the Dr. John E. Morley Award are as follows:

- Person must have provided at least 5 years of professional experience with individual(s) with developmental disabilities who are experiencing age related changes.
- Person must currently be providing professional services, on a regular basis, to individual(s) with developmental disabilities who are experiencing age related changes.
- Nomination must originate with an organization, but additional letters of support may be provided by individuals served and/or their family, other agencies, or peers.

The Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities (AADD) is a private, not-for-profit organization that began in 1989 as a special interest group and was incorporated in 1994. The organization was created to support the increasing needs of older adults with developmental disabilities (intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism spectrum disorder, severe learning disabilities, and head injuries that occur by the age of 21). AADD provides support to older individuals with developmental disabilities so they can maintain their independence and be active members of their communities. Supports include education, referral, transition planning, retirement groups, and in-home-support.

The enclosed nomination form, along with at least one support letter from a representative of the Agency, must be submitted for the individual to be considered. Other letters of support may be submitted with the application or mailed separately. For consideration, all applications and support documents must be complete and postmarked (or e-mailed) by Tuesday, April 15, 2025. By mail, please send applications to: AADD 2385 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139 or by e-mail, please send to pamm@agingwithdd.com.

The Dr. John Morley Award will be presented to the recipient at the Association on Aging with Developmental Disabilities Conference luncheon on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. For more information on the Conference, including registration, please visit our website at www.agingwithdd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pamela J. Merkle', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Pamela J. Merkle
Executive Director



ASSOCIATION ON AGING WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
DR. JOHN E. MORLEY AWARD NOMINATION APPLICATION

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee _____

Position Title _____

Organization _____

Organization Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Best time to reach _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator _____

Position Title _____

Organization _____

Organization Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Best time to reach _____

Email Address _____

Capacity in which you know the nominee _____

Please attach a letter of support describing the exemplary service that this nominee has provided for an individual(s) who has a developmental disability and is at least 50 years of age, making him/her the best applicant for the Dr. John E. Morley Award.