

Award Nomination Process

The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey seeks nominations annually for the awards listed below. The James and Sarah Brady Award, Founders Award, and Silvio O. Conte Award—were established by the Brain Injury Association of America. The Mimi Goldman Positive Achievement Award, Trooper Christopher Scales Memorial Award, the Jill Schulman Community Pillar Award and the Irene Parisi Humanitarian Award were established by the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey.

All awards will be presented at our Annual Seminar held in May. Descriptions and guidelines of all awards are listed below. To nominate someone, please complete our Award Nomination Form. Nominations are reviewed and award recipients are selected by the Alliance's Awards Committee.

**** Award Nomination Deadline: April 1st ****

James and Sarah Brady Award for Public Service

The James and Sarah Brady award is presented to an individual or group for public service based on an outstanding record of contributions that further the goals of the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey through work at the state and/or local level. *(Possible recipients: legislators, state agencies.)*

Founders Award for Volunteer Service

The Founders Award is presented to recognize individuals or groups who have rendered exceptional volunteer services that benefit persons with brain injury and their families. *(Possible recipients: person with brain injury, family member, and professional giving his/her services to the Alliance on a volunteer basis.)*

Silvio O. Conte Award for Public Awareness and Education

The Silvio O. Conte Award is presented to an individual or group for public awareness and education based on an outstanding record of contributions that further the goals of the Alliance through work at the state and/or local level. *(Possible recipients: those working in prevention, education or public awareness.)*

Miriam (Mimi) Goldman Positive Achievement Award

Mimi Goldman, who was pivotal in the development of the Council for the Head-Injured Community (CHIC), passed away in 1997. She was the first person with a brain injury to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey. Mimi served as a role model for the brain injury community, sharing her talents and experiences on numerous committees and events, and always with a characteristic smile. The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey established the Miriam (Mimi) Goldman Positive Achievement Award in the spring of 1997 to commemorate Mimi Goldman. This award is presented each year to an individual with a brain injury to honor his or her accomplishments.

Trooper Christopher Scales Memorial Award

Trooper Christopher S. Scales was a front-line partner in the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey's brain injury prevention efforts. Trooper Scales was struck and killed on December 3, 2002 while conducting a seatbelt enforcement detail on the New Jersey Turnpike. The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey honored State Trooper Christopher Scales posthumously in May 2003 by introducing the Trooper Christopher Scales Memorial Award. This award is presented each year to a member of the law enforcement community who has demonstrated exemplary efforts in promoting public safety and brain injury prevention.

Jill Schulman Community Pillar Award

The Community Pillar Award was established in 2010. The award recognizes individuals, employed in the brain injury field, who significantly contribute to the quality of life for people with brain injury and their caregivers and promote brain health through their volunteer service and support of the mission of the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey. The Community Pillar Award was renamed to honor Jill Schulman who passed away in May of 2011. During her 21 year tenure with the Alliance, Jill's contributions, character, and unending passion embodied the spirit in which the Community Pillar Award was established.

Irene Parisi Humanitarian Award

The Irene Parisi Humanitarian Award was established in 2012. The award recognizes individuals who embody the ethics of kindness and benevolence in accepting people for who they are and working to abolish biased social views and prejudice.

Award Nomination Form

The person named below is nominated for a Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey award. This nomination is based upon the description of the award provided by the Alliance and the nominee's exceptional activities and accomplishments on behalf the community of people with brain injury, families, and/or the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey. **(Please print or type.)**

AWARD: _____

NOMINEE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

Please provide a description of the nominee's outstanding activities and efforts that have made an impact on the community of people affected by brain injury and/or the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey, in relation to the award he or she is being nominated for. (Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Please submit this form by mail, fax or email to:
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