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FCC SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS FOR ADVANCEMENT IN ACCESSIBILITY

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announces the opening of the nomination window for the Twelfth Chairman's Awards for Advancement in Accessibility (Chairman's AAA). The nomination period opens on **Thursday, July 9, 2026, and closes at 11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, August 7, 2026.**

In recognition of this year's 36th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 16th anniversary of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA), the FCC is soliciting nominations for individuals who have made lasting and impactful contributions to the advancement of accessible communications technologies and services in the fields of advocacy, leadership, and research. The FCC is specifically seeking nominations for individuals in the following categories:

- Consumer Advocate
- Industry Leader
- Educator or Researcher

The 2026 Chairman's AAA is open to any individual who has worked in the public or private sector. Each nomination should include:

- The nominated individual's name, current contact information and organization (if appropriate).
- The category for which the individual is being nominated.
- The name and contact information of the person submitting the nomination or a notation that the submission is a self-nomination.
- An explanation of why the individual qualifies for the Chairman's AAA.
- A description of the nominee's work in support of accessibility in telecommunications or broadcast media, such as products, policies, or materials.
- Any documentation, such as media reports or published materials, supporting the nomination.

Please email all nominations to: FCCAAA@fcc.gov by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, August 7, 2026.

Award winners will be recognized at a ceremony on October 8, 2026, at the FCC Headquarters in Washington, DC. A subsequent announcement will be made to provide additional details for the Chairman's AAA ceremony.

The Chairman's AAA was first introduced in 2010 at the FCC's celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Since the first awards ceremony in 2011, the Chairman's AAA has played a key role in the FCC efforts to recognize technical advances that have made communications tools more accessible to people with disabilities. For information about prior winners of the Chairman's AAA, visit fcc.gov/FCCAAA.

For questions or inquiries about the Chairman's AAA, please contact Deandrea Wilson (Deandrea.Wilson@fcc.gov) or Sherry Dawson (Sherry.Dawson@fcc.gov). Inquiries may also be sent to FCCAAA@fcc.gov.

Individuals who use videophones and are fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) may call the FCC's ASL Consumer Support Line at (844) 432-2275 (videophone).

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