



2026 AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania is requesting nominations for the 2026 Awards. Nominations will be accepted until May 4, 2026. Awards will be presented during the 2026 Annual Conference, to be held at the Lancaster Marriott in Lancaster, PA, June 22-23, 2026.

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards:

Dan Keating Pioneer in Brain Injury Award
Service to the Brain Injury Community Award
Barb Dively Advocacy Award
Service to the Association Award
Organization Award

John Sears Inspiration Award
Leadership Award
Public Policy Award
Direct Service Award
Dennis Minori Family Tribute Award

For more information, please contact the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania at 833-242-7248 or admin@biapa.org

STEP ONE: NOMINEE INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

Name (person or organization) _____

Company Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

STEP TWO: NOMINATOR INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

Name _____

Company Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE (REQUIRED). Please check all that apply:

Family Member Supervisor Client Employee Coworker Caregiver Therapist

Other _____

STEP THREE: AWARD NOMINATION (REQUIRED); Select one and check the box.

<input type="checkbox"/> DAN KEATING PIONEER AWARD <p>This award is presented to an individual whose initiative, expertise, and creativity have led to the development of services and support in the field of brain injury rehabilitation. Although known for his/her efforts, the presentation of the Pioneer Award formally recognizes this individual's significant role in advancing the field.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> LEADERSHIP AWARD <p>This award is presented to an individual, agency, or group of individuals whose far-reaching impact on the field of brain injury rehabilitation has been widely recognized. A willingness to go the extra mile is the outstanding characteristic of this recipient in promoting the cause and goal of improving each and every life.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> BARB DIVELY ADVOCACY AWARD <p>This award is named after a true advocate and champion for the rights of those who have experienced a brain injury, and their families. Barb Dively spent much of her adult life educating, training, and advocating for those in the greater brain injury community. Serving as executive director of the Acquired Brain Injury Network, she helped numerous individuals through her support and her efforts to secure much-needed services and funding to help those with brain injuries. This award will continue to honor those who show the same energy and passion that Barb demonstrated. This award will preserve Barb's legacy well into the future as we recognize persons who advocate and champion tirelessly for persons impacted by brain injury.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE TO THE BRAIN INJURY COMMUNITY AWARD <p>This award is given to a person who has sustained a brain injury, a family member, or a professional who works in the field and is a resident of PA. They have shown extraordinary and exemplary service in advocacy, education, and raising social awareness relating to the needs of individuals and their families in the areas of brain injury. The individual has had a significant impact and taken individual initiative to make a long-term, fundamental, and positive impact on the lives of people who have sustained a brain injury and their families</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION AWARD <p>This award is given to a person who has, through volunteerism, fundraising, and other efforts, supported the mission and vision of BIAPA and contributed to the ongoing success of the Association. All professionals, survivors and family members are eligible. Members of the BIAPA Board of Directors are excluded from consideration.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT SERVICE AWARD <p>This award honors a front-line staff member who provides exemplary service to individuals with brain injury. It recognizes the "unsung hero" who has worked for five years or more in the field of brain injury rehabilitation and has shown dedication and commitment to the individuals they serve.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> DENNIS MINOR FAMILY TRIBUTE AWARD <p>This award is given to a family who has a member with a brain injury. The recipient is a family who stands together in the face of hardship, working together to support each other, striving to improve the quality of life for the person with brain injury. This award recognizes the constant and significant support provided by family to their loved one that also benefits others in the brain injury community by their example.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> JOHN SEARS INSPIRATION AWARD <p>This award is presented to an individual who has striven to overcome significant challenges and who has utilized their talents and strengths to achieve significant personal achievement. This award honors John Sears, a talented artist, committed teacher, and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who, despite the challenges of a traumatic brain injury in a 1995 bicycling accident, continue to teach and make art until his passing in 2003.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> ORGANIZATION AWARD <p>This award is presented to an organization whose efforts to improve the lives of persons with brain injury have been clearly evident and have contributed to exemplary service delivery and support. This award is given in recognition of the collective activities of that group of individuals who, through their mission and with a focus on the needs of those in the brain injury community, have impacted the lives of each individual in a positive way.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC POLICY AWARD <p>The Brain Injury of PA believes that the development of beneficial public policies is essential to the rights of individuals who have sustained brain injuries and their families. This award recognizes outstanding individuals in our state who have put forward efforts to establish public policies of benefit to persons with brain injury.</p>

STEP FOUR: NOMINATION STATEMENT (REQUIRED)

Please state why the nominee deserves this particular award, in 500 words or less (information may be submitted on a separate page if necessary). Include information on the nominee’s length and type of service, training/education/certifications, organizational affiliations and offices held, past awards/honors, community involvement, or other pertinent information.

STEP FIVE: PROVIDE TWO REFERENCES OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE NOMINEE WELL AND CAN BE CONTACTED FOR MORE INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

1. Name _____

Company Name (if applicable) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Briefly explain how this person knows the nominee _____

2. Name _____

Company Name (if applicable) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Briefly explain how this person knows the nominee _____

STEP SIX: PROVIDE A HIGH-RESOLUTION COLOR DIGITAL HEADSHOT PHOTOGRAPH OF NOMINEE (REQUIRED)

Submit photo file to admin@biapa.org. If you are unable to provide a picture, please let us know right away.

STEP SEVEN: SUBMIT NOMINATION

Submit the completed nomination no later than May 4, 2026 to:

2026 BIAPA AWARD NOMINATION

947 Wayne Ave.

No. 110

Chambersburg, PA 17201

Email: admin@biapa.org

Fax: 833-242-7248

If you have any questions or require assistance to submit your nomination, please contact BIAPA at 833-242-7248 or admin@biapa.org.