

HTHC Special Needs GRANT

The Homer Township Highway Commissioner is proud to announce that nominations are now open for the 2023 Homer Township Highway Commissioner's Special Needs Grant for the second year in a row.

This is a \$5,000 tax free Grant to assist adults with special needs to further their training and/or education. The intent is to maximize their employment, independence and integration into the community and the competitive labor market.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA*

Residency	Homer Township
Age	At least 18 years old at time of nomination
Diagnosis	Nominees must submit a copy of medical documentation that established their special needs diagnosis conducted by a licensed medical professional

* Relatives of Homer Township, Road District or Village elected officials are not eligible to be nominated.

TIMELINE

Nov 1, 2023	Nomination Window closes at Midnight
Dec 1, 2023	Winner will be notified
TBD	Awards Banquet

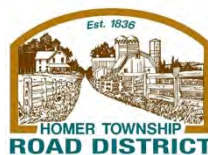
SELECTION PROCESS

The Committee reviews all eligible nominees on a scale of 1 to 10 in the following categories:

- Need
- Past accomplishments
- Community involvement
- Career Goals

Subsequent to scoring by the Ability Awareness Committee, The Homer Township Highway Commissioner, Brent Porfilio, will review the scores and take them into consideration when selecting the overall winner.

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NOMINATION

Please complete the questions below and click submit

General Information

Nominee:
(needs to have special needs diagnosis)

Home Address (needs to be in Homer Township)

Email:

Birth Date:
(needs to be 18)

Phone:

Essay Questions: (limit responses to 500 characters or less for each of the 4 essay questions below)

1. Nominee's specific learning disability, challenges, and specific strategies they used to cope:

2. Nominee's accomplishments: (eg: extra-curricular activities, community service and work accomplishment):

3. What career do they hope to pursue:

4. How would this grant benefit them, and why do you think they should be selected to receive it:

Save this PDF once completed and email as attachment to b.porfilio@homerhighway.com & davem@homerhighway.com please also attach your medical diagnosis.

If your Acrobat is configured to your email software, use the 2 buttons to the right.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q. What inspired the creation of this program?

A. The Homer Township Highway Commissioner has an adult son with Special Needs. Throughout his son's adult years there have been numerous financial challenges in getting a job, including training and obtaining certifications. This Grant is a way to help other Special Needs adults overcome these same financial challenges on their way to becoming independent and gaining lifetime employment.

Q. What constitutes a "special need" for purpose of this award?

A. For this award, "special need" is defined as an individual with an Intellectual disability characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills.

Q. Who will serve as judges?

A. The Homer Township Highway Commission and members of the Village of Homer Glen Ability Awareness Committee.

Q. Who do I contact with questions?

A. If you have any technical difficulties with submitting the form, you can alternatively save this pdf and email directly to the 2 email addresses below.

Brent Porfilio, b.porfilio@homerhighway.com or (708) 609-4917 (Cell)

Dave Medema, davem@homerhighway.com or (708) 301-0632

Q. Will I receive an acknowledgement of my submission?

A. After a nomination is submitted by clicking submit from this pdf, a confirmation email will automatically be sent to the email address submitted. There will be no other further communication from the nomination committee unless your submission has been chosen as an award recipient or if an interview is requested.

Q. How will the Winner be notified?

A. The Winner will be notified via the email address submitted from this application. Applicants are invited to attend an awards banquet, date to be determined.

How will the Winner be acknowledged?

A. The Winner will have the option of having their photo taken and essay questions posted on the www.homerhighway.com & www.homerglenil.org