

Distinguished Consumer (Adult and Child)

This recognition, which may be awarded to one adult and/or one child each year, honors consumers of speech language pathology and/or audiology services who have confronted and surmounted the many obstacles associated with speech/language and/or hearing challenges. The recipient of this award does not need to be a CSHA member. This award may be received only once.

Criteria

This award honors an individual whose primary residence is in California and who either:

- Has or has had a significant communication problem that required/requires the services of a speech-language-pathologist and/or audiologist; or
- Has the responsibility for a family member (a minor or dependent adult) with a significant communication problem that required/requires the cooperative efforts of both the speech- language-pathologist and/or audiologist and the consumer.

In addition, the consumer (self or family members):

- Has achieved a remarkable improvement in communication skills as a result of the combined efforts of the consumer and the professional.
- Has participated in activities that inform the public about the nature of his/her communication impairment and the remediation available.
- Demonstrates the qualities of strength and perseverance, and projects an attitude toward resolving his communication problem that can serve to inspire the public, encourage others with a similar impairment and enhance the feeling of self-worth for each communicatively handicapped individual.

Nominations and deadline

Any CSHA member may nominate someone for the Distinguished Consumer Award. The nomination must include:

- Nominee's name, address, email address, telephone number.
- Signature of nominator and date of nomination.
- A written narrative, not to exceed 600 words, which makes a cogent, substantive argument for the nominee based on the criteria.
- Two letters of support from CSHA members.
- Nominee's current CV or resume.

Complete nomination packets must be emailed to honors@cscha.org by **December 15th at 11:59 p.m.** Nominations that don't meet submission requirements, or arrive after the posted deadline, will not be considered out of fairness to others.