

The Bob Alcorn Award

The Membership of TSID, at the 1997 annual conference in Austin, voted to establish “The Bob Alcorn Award”. This award is to be given to a person who has made significant contributions to the field of interpreting. Bob Alcorn (1945 – 1996) was a tremendous voice for the deaf community and for interpreters. He led the field with his teaching, advocacy skills, and talents. The award is dedicated to the memory of Bob Alcorn: author, teacher, Deaf Rights advocate, Deaf Culture ambassador, ASL champion, student of life, and beloved friend. The “Bob Alcorn Award” Nominations Committee will strive to honor those persons who have exemplified the qualities which Bob Alcorn demonstrated throughout his life. This award is not necessarily an annual award and will be given judiciously, in order to maintain the spirit of this special recognition bestowed by TSID.

CRITERIA

- This person serves as a role model for people in the field of interpreting; demonstrating that they are an ally of Deaf people through their interpreting, teaching, mentoring and/or having developed instructional materials for ASL, and/or interpreter training.
- This person is one who respects people from all walks of life, regardless of their ability or inability to hear, their race, their economic status, etc. They encourage students/people to grow to their maximum potential.
- This person is a Deaf Rights advocate, a staunch proponent of ASL and Deaf Culture. This can be demonstrated in their teaching, interpreting and speaking out on these issues.
- This person is currently or has been a Texas resident, or has contributed to the field of interpreting or deafness in some significant way in the state of Texas.
- This person must be a current TSID member.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Three letters/videotapes of recommendation are needed to consider a person for this award.

At least one of these letters must be from a Deaf person.

Each letter/videotape is to include the following:

- a) Nominee/Candidate’s name.
- b) Nominee/Candidate’s address.
- c) Details of the candidate’s background.
- d) Describe how the candidate meets the each of the criteria above.
- e) Your name, address, phone number or email, as the person making the nomination. (So that the nominating committee may contact you if they have any questions or need clarifications).

BOB ALCORN AWARD NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The “Bob Alcorn Award Nominations Committee”, will consist of the following 5 members:

1. TSID President
2. TSID Board Member or an Affiliate Chapter Board Member appointed by the TSID President
3. Person from the interpreter training /interpreter services field appointed by the TSID Board
4. Member of the Deaf community/ASL advocate appointed by the TSID Board
5. Member-at-large appointed by the TSID Board

DOCUMENT HISTORY

- Established ??/????
- Revised 08/2000