



The Shirley T. Herald Lifetime Achievement Award

History of the Shirley T. Herald Lifetime Achievement Award

This Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ARID) award honors an interpreter whose talent, efforts, and body of work has, in a fundamental way, advanced the field of interpreting; whose accomplishments have been acknowledged by professional peers and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community; and whose work has and will continue to have a lasting influence on interpreters, the profession, and society. The Shirley T. Herald Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding interpreters whose pioneering spirit, excellent work, and unwavering dedication to the field of interpretation throughout their career has improved society and inspired others.

Contributions to Society

This award was initiated by the ARID Board of Directors and established by the membership during the 2006 25th-Gala Anniversary Celebration of ARID. The first recipient, Shirley T. Herald, was honored for her lifetime of interpreting and her many years of service as Arkansas' Court Interpreter. Shirley has served on both the RID and the ARID Board of Directors as well as numerous local, state, and national committees. She was instrumental in test development for both RID, and the Mid-America Quality Assurance Screening Test. Shirley is well known for her legal workshops and mentoring of interpreting students. The ARID Membership, with great love and devotion, named this award for Shirley T. Herald on June 24, 2006.

Selection Process

Nominations will be accepted by the ARID Board and open until the second month (April 1st) prior to the biennial conference. At that point, the ARID President will select an ad hoc committee to review the nomination(s). The composition of the ad hoc committee will consist of five individuals:

- Three interpreters who are ARID voting members
- One ARID member who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- One consumer of interpreting services from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community

The ad hoc committee will review the nomination(s) and submit their recommendation by May 10th to support or not to support the recipient(s). The ARID Board will review the ad hoc committee's recommendation and ratify the recommendation, and if a recipient is chosen, the recipient will be honored during the upcoming biennial conference.



Shirley T. Herald Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form

Date: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

How long have you been a member of ARID? _____

Name of Nominated Candidate:

Recipient Criteria: Candidates for this award are role models in the field of interpreting. The recipient will be an interpreter:

Who resides in Arkansas.

Whose life-long career has had a significant impact on society.

Whose efforts have changed, shaped, or influenced the field of interpreting and/or the lives of interpreters.

Who has a minimum of 25 years interpreting experience.

Who is a member of ARID in good standing at the time of nomination. The Shirley T. Herald Lifetime Achievement Award may be awarded posthumously, in which case current membership status is moot.

Nomination Packet: Please include in the following order:

Nomination form – Please complete, sign, and date the nomination form. It will be available for download on the ARID website.

Description of candidate's qualifications and biographical summary - Please explain why ARID should recognize your candidate. Include a description of the candidate's accomplishments and impact upon and/or benefit to society (not to exceed 750 words), and highlight in bullet format the candidate's most significant distinctions on a one single-sided 8.5 x 11 page to include: experience, education, awards and distinctions, workshops and conferences, and service to the Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing and Interpreting communities.

Candidate's curriculum vitae or resume - Please submit no more than five (5) single-sided 8.5 x 11" pages.

Optional Additional Letters of recommendation - Please submit an optional one or two additional letters of recommendation. Recommenders should describe their affiliation with the candidate and provide their name, title, (if appropriate the organization, department), home address, telephone or cell number, and email address. Each letter of recommendation should be no more than two (2) single-sided 8.5 x 11" pages.

Optional pertinent materials - You have the option of providing materials supporting the candidate's achievements, such as professional articles, press clippings, or conference materials exhibiting the presenter's title/biographical information. Additional materials should be single-sided 8.5 x 11" pages; not to exceed ten (10) pages total.

Procedure: Please send the complete nomination packet and any supporting materials via email to the Nominations Chair and ARID Board.

Nominations must be complete and conform to the above criteria. No supplemental information will be accepted unless requested by ARID. Nominations will be accepted up to the second month (April 1st) month prior to a biennial conference. Any nominations received after the deadline may not be considered.

Former Recipients:

2006 - Shirley T. Herald

2015 - Myra Taff-Watson

2019 - Zania Musteen

2021 - Linda Stauffer

2023 - Ray James