

# Thomas Hartig “Inspirational Community Member” Award Nomination Form

This award will be presented by Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, Inc. (FOCB) at the Thomas Hartig Dining in the Dark event to an inspirational member of the community. “Inspirational” is defined as: “the ability to invoke positive emotion and action in others.” Nomination forms must be received in the FOCB office by October 15th.

## **Qualifications:**

To qualify for the award, each individual must be:

1. Legally blind;
2. A resident of Palm Beach County or one of the four surrounding counties: Martin, Okeechobee, Saint Lucie or Indian River;
3. Nominee must be present at the event;
4. Nominee must not be a previous winner of the award.

About you (the nominator):

Nominator’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator’s Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator’s City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

About the person you are nominating for the award (hereafter called the “nominee”):

Nominee’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a written description of the following (there is no word limit):

1. When and how the nominee became blind;
2. How the nominee has coped with her or his vision loss to maintain or regain his or her independence; and
3. How the nominee has been an inspiration to his or her community and invoked positive emotion and action in others.

Supplemental materials such as a resume, published articles about the nominee, video, etc. are welcome but not required.

## **Submission:**

Please submit your nomination form to Carolyn Lapp, FOCB Executive Director, in one of the following formats:

E-mail: [info\\_focb@bellsouth.net](mailto:info_focb@bellsouth.net)

Mail: FOCB, 2315 S. Congress Avenue, Palm Springs, Florida 33406

## **Award criteria and procedure**

A three-member FOCB Board selection committee will rank each nominee on a scale of 1-10 as to how inspirational they have been to the community in terms of coping with their vision loss, regaining or maintaining their independence, and invoking positive emotion and actions in others. Each selection committee member score will be added together and the nominee with the highest score will win the award. None of the three-member selection committee may be nominated for the award.