



**2019 Leadership Award
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Announcement**

What is the New Hampshire Employment Leadership Award?

The Employment Leadership Award is presented each year to 5 New Hampshire business leaders who demonstrate their commitment to recognize the skills and contributions that people with disabilities bring to the workforce. These businesses are promoting and adopting inclusive policies and hiring practices that allow people with disabilities to fairly compete and excel in gainful employment.

Nominees are submitted by businesses, NH Vocational Rehabilitation staff and Community Rehabilitation Providers, as well as the general public. Nominations are evaluated based on the company's efforts to:

- create opportunities that assist people with disabilities to develop and expand their skills in competitive employment;
- adopt inclusive hiring and training practices that allow people with disabilities to fairly compete for employment;
- engage community partners to become a more diverse workplace within communities

Do you know a New Hampshire business that would be a good candidate for this award? If so please submit your nomination for consideration. Winning businesses receive a free full-page spread in ***Business NH Magazine***.

A small team reviews the nominations to ensure they match the general criteria. Then the team conducts an onsite visit to the business. Interviews will include the employer as well as the employee with the disability and other colleagues if available.

Notification of the 5 winners will be made by July 16 2019. This is our 11th anniversary for the Employment Leadership Award. The Gala ceremony will be held **Thursday October 17th from 4:30 to 8pm at the *Holiday Inn Concord, NH.***

We thank you for your nomination. NH businesses are doing such great work in hiring and retaining individuals with disabilities!

Please contact Jim Piet at 603-271-6894 or james.piet@doe.nh.gov if you have any questions or concerns.