**APPLICATION FOR AAIDD FELLOW**

Fellowship status will be awarded based on the applicant’s presentation of supporting documentation for each criterion specified in the AAIDD By-laws. **Respond to each item in this application.**  Use additional attachments if necessary.

**Section I: Applicant Information**

*Evidence of seven or more years of continuous, active membership in the Association.*

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| Full Name: |  |
| Highest Degree: |  |
| Year you became a Member of AAIDD |  |
| Title: |  |
| Organization: |  |
| Preferred Address |  |
| Street: |  |
| City, State, ZIP: |  |
| Phone: |  |
| Email: |  |

**Section II: Significant Contributions to the Association**

*Evidence of significant participation in the professional and business affairs of the Association*

1. **Contributions to the Professional Affairs of the Association**

*For each of the following categories list your service and contributions, with dates and details to fully support your application.*

1. Presentations delivered at AAIDD conferences and webinars.
2. Other professional presentations on behalf of AAIDD.
3. Authorship of AAIDD publications (*AJIDD/IDD/Inclusion* articles, books, book chapters, monographs, etc.).
4. Editorial work on AAIDD publications (editor, reviewer, etc.).
5. Other contributions.
6. **Contributions to the Business Affairs of the Association**

*For each of the following categories list your service and contributions, with dates and details to fully support your application.*

1. Service in a leadership role (board member, officer, chair, etc.) for an AAIDD Chapter or Region, the AAIDD national board, or an AAIDD Interest Network, or Task Force.
2. Service on committees of the AAIDD, its chapters or regions, Interest Network, or Task Force.
3. Current memberships in any Interest Network of AAIDD.

**Section III: Meritorious Contributions to the Field**

*Evidence of meritorious contributions to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

While it is assumed all members have made a contribution through their employment and years of service to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, emphasis by the applicant on a meritoriouscontribution in one or more of the following areas is essential. Therefore, delineate why you feel **your contribution is meritorious**. For each of the following categories list your service and contributions and specify the dates as appropriate. Provide detail necessary to fully consider your contribution.

1. Contributions to **program development or administration** and the **improvement of service** for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
2. Contributions which benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through **skillful and diligent advocacy**.
3. **Academic** contribution to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities through:
4. Teaching (overview of courses taught).
5. Research (list area(s) of interest and major projects conducted).
6. Publications in non-AAIDD publications (provide citations).
7. Presentation of Professional Papers at non-AAIDD events (Title, Conference, Date).

**Section IV: Resume or Vita**

Provide your resume or vita as an attachment to your application.

**Section V: Letters of Reference**

Three (3) letters of reference **must be provided**; references should be from persons who can speak to the applicant’s meritorious contribution to our field. **All letters must be from members of AAIDD and one must be from a *Fellow of the Association.*** A complete list of AAIDD Fellows is on the [AAIDD website](https://www.aaidd.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2022-2023-fellows-in-good-standing.pdf?sfvrsn=f45c3e21_2).

List the individuals you have asked to provide letters of reference:

1. (Fellow):

Submit application to Maria Alfaro at [maria@aaidd.org](mailto:maria@aaidd.org) b**y October 31, 2025**

**AAIDD FELLOW RECOMMENDATION LETTER**

**Use of this form is not required; however, all letters of recommendation must address questions on this form.**

1. **Identifying Information**
2. *Name of Applicant:*
3. *Reference Completed by:*

Full Name:

Highest Degree:

Title:

Organization:

Phone:

Email:

Year you became a Member of AAIDD:

1. *How long have you known applicant?*
2. *In what capacity?*

1. **Participation in the professional and business affairs of the Association.**

Please describe your knowledge of the applicant's contribution to AAIDD. *Professional* *contributions* include presenting papers, developing professional presentations, authoring original work in AAIDD publications, editorial duties, etc. *Business affairs* include service as an officer or member of an AAIDD board, professional interest group, or committee at the national, regional, or state level.

1. **Meritorious contribution to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

From the areas listed below, please provide a detailed description of the applicant’s **meritorious contributions** to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities in **all areas you believe** the applicant has made such contributions.

* Program development, administration, and the improvement of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
* Skillful and diligent advocacy activities to benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
* Academic contributions through teaching, research, publications, and presentations in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Letters of recommendations can either be turned in with the application or can be sent directly to Maria Alfaro at [maria@aaidd.org](mailto:maria@aaidd.org) **by OCTOBER 31, 2025.**