



## **Announcement and Call for Nominations 2012 Ruderman Prize in Disability**

The Ruderman Family Foundation has established the Ruderman Prize in Disability to support the pursuit of *Excellence and Innovation*, in services, advocacy and support of Jews with disabilities worldwide. The Foundation seeks to recognize organizations anywhere in the world that support the Foundation's goals of: 1) promoting the full inclusion of all persons with disabilities; and 2) increasing public awareness of both the contributions and needs of persons with disabilities worldwide. The Foundation wants to invite nominations or applications by innovative, forward thinking organizations which provide or promote programs that raise awareness or promote inclusion for Jewish individuals with disabilities. From the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), people with disabilities are being recognized as having the same fundamental human rights as others in their countries, and as people deserving of dignity, respect and full inclusion into society at large. The Ruderman Family Foundation wishes to both honor and highlight efforts that help achieve the goals of inclusion into society, dignity and respect for the unique attributes and values of people with disabilities.

The Ruderman Family Foundation expects to make up to 10 awards and distribute up to \$200,000 to Jewish organizations or organizations with unique Jewish programs. Individuals are not eligible. Eligibility is not limited to the geographic or programmatic areas or organizations the Foundation currently funds.

### **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE FOUNDATION**

The Ruderman Family Foundation seeks to increase awareness of and works to improve the lives of people with special needs in Greater Boston, Israel and the United States through leadership projects done in partnership with Jewish organizations and foundations.

### **PROCEDURE**

All nominations, including self-nominations, must follow the guidelines and requirements outlined in this application. Applications are due March 15, 2012, by 5:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time. Applications received after that time will not be reviewed. Applications and other requested materials must be submitted electronically to [awards@rudermanfoundation.org](mailto:awards@rudermanfoundation.org). Only applications submitted electronically will be considered for an award. The trustees of the Foundation expect to announce the awards in June 2012. Trustees may continue to request additional information after formal submissions in order to clarify data or enhance their knowledge of an organization. Site visits may be requested.

## INSTRUCTIONS AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

All nominations must include the following documents unless waived by the Ruderman Family Foundation as inapplicable. Text should be printed on no smaller than 12-point font, with 1 inch margins, and space limits noted below should not be exceeded. Excess pages will be discarded.

1. Award Application Cover Sheet (page 3).
2. Schedule A: Brief Description of the Organization (no more than one page, single spaced) (page 4).
3. Schedule B: Narrative of the Project for which award is being nominated (no more than two pages single spaced) (pages 5 & 6).
4. A List of the current Board of Trustees or Directors.
5. A copy of the current fiscal year organization budget. There is no formal financial reporting template, but the budget should clearly show Income by type of source, and expenses broken down so that salaries, operations, and overhead ratios can be easily determined.
6. A copy of your Determination Letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for either the U.S. organization, or a copy of same or equivalent if not a U.S. entity.

Note: The Foundation funds only entities qualified as not-for-profit organizations.

7. A copy of your most recent audit, or if the organization does not conduct an annual audit, an explanation as to why not.
8. An electronic copy of the following materials may also be included:
  - Annual reports
  - Brochures or other mailings
  - Newsletters or news stories about the organization/program which is being nominated.

The Foundation may request additional information if, in its sole judgment, it is needed to make a decision on a nomination.

The Foundation appreciates the opportunity to recognize innovation and excellence. We anticipate receiving many more applicants than can be awarded a prize. Each application will receive careful review and analysis.

Jay Ruderman, President



**AWARD NOMINATION COVER SHEET**

**Date of application**

**If a U.S. entity:**

**Full legal name of organization:**  
**Legal Address:**  
**Federal Tax Identification Number:**

**If not U.S. entity:**

**Name of U.S. fiscal sponsor for receiving funds and accepting expenditure responsibility:**  
**Full legal name of organization:**  
**Legal Address:**  
**Country Tax Identification Number:**

**Award contact information:**

**Contact individual:**  
**Telephone #**  
**Email address:**

**Please provide your organizational mission statement:**

**If applying on behalf of a specific program within your organization, please provide the mission statement/goals of the program:**

## Schedule A: Organization

**In this space, please provide a description of your organization, including a brief history, core competencies for which it is known, major services, demographics, etc.**

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**Schedule B: Program or Project Description**

**In this space, *and up to one additional page*, please provide a detailed description of the program for which the award is sought. Text should include information on (but not be limited to) a description of the innovation(s) of the program and how the program helps include Jews with disabilities and, when appropriate, their families into society at large, your geographic focus, internal resources and strategic alliances (if any), and why you believe the program promotes inclusion or increased public awareness.**

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In the space below, please list the attachments which you are enclosing with this proposal.

**Attachments:**

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