



## ISAAC Outstanding Consumer Lecture Award 2020

ISAAC is pleased to announce that once again the **ISAAC Consumer Lecture Award** will be offered for Conference 2020, to be held August 1st – 6th, 2020 (Main Conference dates are August 3rd – 6th) in Cancún, México.

This award provides a platform for an outstanding person who uses Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) to present a topic in which they have special expertise, using any voice output communication system. ISAAC wishes to highlight the talents (such as storytelling, creative writing, humour), perspectives (on current events, relationships, etc.) or individual endeavours (scholarly, entrepreneurial, recreational, etc.) of an individual beyond AAC, reinforcing the point that a person who uses AAC is not defined by AAC.

The recipient will be a featured presenter at ISAAC Conference 2020 in **Cancún, México** and will receive a cash award of \$5,000 CAD.

### **ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:**

- Candidate must be an ISAAC member or applying for membership,
- Candidate must be a person who communicates through a voice output augmentative communication system,
- Candidate must independently deliver the lecture at the ISAAC 2020 Biennial Conference in person using his/her voice output augmentative communication system (no proxy presenter).
- Lecture must be presented in English (translations into English from other languages are accepted).

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Submit a 500- to 1,000-word essay addressing the proposed topic of presentation, presentation style, and method of delivery, including a detailed outline of the specific content of the lecture.



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### GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- Lecture is a topic of general interest to a broad international audience.
- Lecture highlights the unique talents, perspectives, skills, accomplishments or endeavors of the individual beyond AAC.
- Lecture is not focused on AAC, how a person got their AAC system, “How AAC changed my life,” etc. **Proposals that focus primarily on AAC issues WILL NOT be accepted.** Ideally, the reader of the proposal would not even know the presenter uses AAC as the topic should not incorporate AAC!
- Previous lecture topics have included: The use of humor in social connectedness; adventure travel; feminism; writing and starring in a film; human rights, personal experience and perspective on living in different political environments; and family, intimacy as a human need, and motherhood.
- The winning lecture will be recorded and will become the property of ISAAC.

### PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION (in addition to the essay described above):

1. Pertinent personal background information (short curriculum vitae),
2. Two references supporting candidate’s application,
3. A statement of intent to attend the biennial ISAAC conference and to independently present the lecture using your AAC device, if selected to receive the award,
4. A description of audio-visual and other technical support needed.
5. The full application, including essay, should be submitted as a PDF.

**DATE FOR SUBMISSION: January 31, 2020**

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