



Illinois Pioneer Culture Change Champion of the Year Nomination Form

The Illinois Pioneer Culture Change Champion of the Year Award recognizes outstanding individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to person-directed care. This award honors those who lead innovative culture change initiatives, inspire others through compassionate practice, and contribute to creating meaningful, resident-centered environments within long-term care communities across Illinois.

Section 1: Nominee Information

Full Name:

Job Title/Role:

Organization / Facility:

Department / Unit (if applicable):

Location (City, State):

Contact Information (email/phone):

Section 2: Nominator Information

Full Name:

Job Title/Role:

Organization / Facility:

Contact Information (email/phone):

Relationship to Nominee:

Section 3: Award Category

Illinois Pioneer Culture Change Champion of the Year

This award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership, advocacy, and action in advancing person-directed care and culture change within long-term care settings in Illinois.

Section 4: Nomination Criteria

- Describe how the nominee champions person-directed care and culture change.
- Provide examples of innovative practices or initiatives they have implemented or supported.
- Explain how their work has positively impacted residents, staff, families, or the broader care community.
- Highlight leadership qualities, collaboration efforts, and long-term contributions to culture change.
- Include measurable outcomes, stories of transformation, or testimonials when possible.

Section 5: Narrative Submission

Please provide a narrative (recommended 300–600 words) describing why this individual should be recognized as the Illinois Pioneer Culture Change Champion of the Year:

Section 6: Supporting Materials (Optional)

- Letters of support
- Photos or project documentation
- Data or outcomes demonstrating impact
- Testimonials from residents, staff, or families

Please submit nominations no later than August 1st, 2026 to IllinoisPioneer@gmail.com