



2023 Lawton and Rhea Chiles Advocacy Award Nomination Information & Instructions

Please contact info@childrensweek.org or 850-487-6300 for more information or questions.

Deadline:

Nominations due **Friday, January 13, 2023** (Nomination forms will not be accepted after this deadline)

Award Description:

Each year, Children's Week Florida™ presents the **Lawton and Rhea Chiles Advocacy Award** to a Floridian who has dedicated time and energy working as an advocate on behalf of statewide issues affecting the status and well-being of children, youth, and families, and who has engaged others to promote policies and/or programs benefiting those most in need. The annual award recipient may have a record of service in a professional and/or voluntary capacity.

This **2023 Chiles Advocacy Award** recipient will be honored on **Monday, March 27, 2023**, during the Children's Week Florida™ Advocacy Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The award recipient will also be invited to participate in Children's Week Florida™ events across the week, helping to inspire young minds and the next generation of advocates. This includes Children's Day at the Capitol (March 28) and Teen Thursday (March 30).

Eligibility Criteria:

- Anyone can submit a nomination; you may nominate yourself.
- Nominees must have demonstrated a commitment to advocating for public policies that improve the lives of Florida's children, youth, and their families.
- Nominees must represent the highest standards of professionalism and be well recognized as a leader in Florida's efforts to address children, youth, and family issues.

To Submit a Nomination:

1. Complete all fields and sign the **Nominee Information Form**.
2. Provide answers and complete the **Nominee Narrative/Personal Statement**. This section should describe the nominee's contributions and/or commitment to serving children, youth, and families.
3. Include a recent **Photo** of nominee (*jpeg or png*).

Additional Information:

- Nominations will be reviewed by the Children's Week Florida™ Advocacy Awards Committee, a volunteer peer review group consisting of previous Chiles Advocacy Award winners, community partners, and other advocates.
- Submit the completed nomination package by the deadline via email to info@childrensweek.org with the subject line: **Nominee Name – Chiles Advocacy Award**
- You may mail a hard copy of the nomination package and supporting documentation to:

Children's Week Florida c/o Children's Forum
Attn: Advocacy Awards Committee
1211 Governors Square Blvd, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32301

**Chiles Advocacy Award
Nominee Information Form**

Award Nominee Information

Name					
Organization					
Position or Title					
Phone					
Email					
Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip Code	

Nominator Information

Name					
Organization					
Position or Title					
Phone					
Email					
Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip Code	

Nominee/Nominator Statement: *By submitting this nomination, I attest that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My submission also confirms my consent and permission for the Chiles Advocacy Award sponsoring organizations (Children's Week Florida™ and Children's Forum) to publish items within this nomination package in any related communications and promotions.*

Signature _____

Date _____



**Chiles Advocacy Award
Nominee Narrative / Personal Statement**

Tip: Provide thorough answers and examples to paint a picture of the nominee and his/her advocacy efforts.

Please provide a narrative explaining how the nominee has exemplified integrity, dedication, commitment, and effectiveness in improving the lives of Florida's children, youth, and families within the past year. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Community or statewide advocacy awareness,
- Child and youth related philanthropic endeavors,
- Providing strong leadership to improve the lives of others, and/or
- Facilitating statewide policy or program changes that have benefited children and families.

