



# PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

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## **CHICAGO WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI DRIVER AWARD NOMINATION PERIOD ENDS MAY 31, 2023**

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP), along with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), launched the nomination period for the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Driver Award on March 23, 2023.

The award recognizes Chicago taxicab drivers who provide premier customer service to riders with disabilities. The recipients each also received a free taxicab medallion license. The award highlights the City's effort to expand access to Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV) taxicabs and serves as an incentive for taxicab drivers to lease WAV taxicabs to serve people with disabilities.



**To nominate by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, riders should visit [Chicago.gov/TaxicabDriverAward](https://Chicago.gov/TaxicabDriverAward).**

The award is designed to reward the individuals that drive the growth of Chicago's accessibility program. For the recipients, a free taxicab medallion license symbolizes independence and freedom from lease payments, allowing taxicab chauffeurs to transition from lease cab driver to small business owner.

The recipients are chosen by the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Driver Award Committee which reviews nominations by the public and carefully considers each of them before selecting a recipient of the award.

**Nominate a Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Driver**