**2025 Brenda Gabe Leadership Award**

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Nomination Guidelines

1. Nominees are people who have made a positive impact on the lives of other women and gender diverse people with disabilities in Victoria.
2. Individuals (or groups) nominated for this award must be over 18 years old, identify as a women or gender diverse person with a disability/disabilities and reside in Victoria.
3. You can nominate yourself or your group (self-nomination) or any individual who identifies as a woman or gender diverse person with disability/disabilities.
4. Nominees should not be **current** employees (full time, part time or casual) or **current** Board Directors of Women with Disabilities Victoria (WDV).
5. Nominations must be completed on the nomination form found at www.wdv.org.au/BrendaGabeAward.
6. Nominations may be submitted via the WDV webpage, emailed to bgla@wdv.org.au or posted to PO Box 18314, Collins Street East, VIC 8003.
7. Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday 23April 2025. Late nominations will not be accepted.
8. Nominations will be acknowledged in writing within 14 days of the closing date.
9. All nominations must be accompanied by two letters of support from referees.
10. All nominations require a photograph and a 50-word profile summary which has been approved by the nominee for publicity and research purposes prior to submission.
11. All nominations will be assessed by a panel who will select a winner they feel best exemplifies the award eligibility and criteria.
12. The selection panel will be made up of two representatives from the Women with Disabilities Victoria Board, the CEO and a community leader.
13. The decision of the selection panel is final.
14. The recipient of the award will be announced at WDV’s Member’s Event on Tuesday 27 May 2025 and will receive a $2,000 prize towards professional development or a capacity-building project.
15. The recipient will be required to:
	1. Provide a proposal for use of the award money.

(Note: the award money cannot be used entirely for purchasing equipment.)

* 1. Attend meetings (online or in person) with WDV representatives once every 6 months for the 18 months following receipt of the award.
	(These meetings will be used as check ins and to support the recipient. The award recipient will also be offered the opportunity to discuss with the Board how else they could be reasonably supported.)
	2. Provide a demonstration of the use of the award money, including a report discussing the impact of the professional development or project, by May 2027.