



Association of Vision Rehabilitation Therapist

2026 Professional Development Conference

Lenore Dillon Leadership Award

Lenore Dillon was a dynamic force in the field of the rehabilitation of the blind. Her influence extended not only to peers and colleagues in Indiana and Alabama, but to persons around the world. Her passion for the field of vision rehabilitation therapy could be seen in every interaction. She mentored, encouraged and challenged others, and did so with enthusiasm and exuberance.

Lenore was a member of AVRT and served on the Board for many years. She was a leader in promoting the field of vision rehabilitation therapy.

Purpose:

AVRT has created this award in Lenore's honor to recognize outstanding leadership in our field. This leadership can be in an international, national or regional role.

Criteria:

The individual:

1. Is current member in good standing (or if retired, past member) of AVRT.
2. Demonstrates exceptional leadership in an international, national or regional role.
3. Displays a high degree of enthusiasm and passion for the profession of vision rehabilitation therapy.
4. Exhibits a commitment to promoting professionalism in support of continuing education, certification and mentorship.
5. Awards may be presented up to two years after a nominee's death.

Nominating Procedures:

- *All nominations should include a letter of nomination outlining biographical information, and a summary of the individual's education and training, employment, leadership qualities, contributions and achievements.
- *Any professional colleague of the individual may submit the nomination.
- *If possible, a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae or resume should be included.

The Awards Committee shall select the award recipient based on nominations provided.

To submit your nomination materials, email John McMahon, Awards Chairman at jspirit211@outlook.com. For more information or to submit nominations, contact John McMahon.

All nominations are due by May 31, 2026.