



# BACP PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

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## **CHICAGO WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI DRIVER AWARD NOMINATION PERIOD OPEN UNTIL April 1, 2024**

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP), with the support of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), launched the [nomination](#) period for the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Driver Award on February 14, 2024.

The award recognizes Chicago taxi drivers who provide premier customer service to riders with disabilities. The recipients will also receive a free taxicab medallion license if they place a wheelchair taxi into service. The award highlights the City's effort to expand access to Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV) taxicabs and serves as an incentive for taxi drivers to lease and operate WAV taxis to serve people with disabilities.



**To nominate by April 1, 2024, 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 accessible transportation program. For the recipients, a free taxi medallion license symbolizes independence and freedom from lease payments, allowing a taxi chauffeur to transition from a lease cab driver to a small business owner.

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

**Nominate a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Driver**