

Do you know an AMAZING occupational therapist?

Have you worked with an outstanding COTA?

OKOTA wants to recognize healthcare providers who promote occupational therapy, allied health collaboration, community service, and leadership in all settings -

Read through the following descriptions and submit your nomination - please include Who, Why, and What award that you are nominating, as well as contact information for yourself and the nominee, so our awards committee can gather needed information on the finalists.

Nominations will be accepted through September 10. The awards committee will present finalists with a plaque at the Annual Conference. Recipients will also be recognized on the OKOTA website, as well as social media, and an email announcement to all our members.

Award Categories:

Occupational Therapist of the Year * (an OTR and current member of OKOTA)

Occupational Therapy Assistant of the Year * (a COTA & current member)

Service Award * (any member of OKOTA will be eligible)

Health Advocate Award * (allied health or other related professional who supports or promotes Occupational Therapy – no membership requirement)

Occupational Therapy Advocacy Award * (a licensed, currently practicing OT or OTA, nominated by a member of OKOTA for promoting occupational therapy – best practice, advocacy, and community awareness for our profession. Non-members eligible)

OKOTA Educator Award: (a current member; nominated for excellence in education: for valuable research, fieldwork supervision, clinical instruction, or leadership in OT-related educational programs)

Helen Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award * Special Qualifications:

(Benefits include free lifetime membership & OKOTA event registrations)

- Shall have been an active member of OKOTA for 25 years or more.
- Shall have served as an officer or committee chair for 10 years or more.
- Shall be an active member of OKOTA at the time the award is given.
- Shall have been actively employed as an occupational therapist for 30 years or more.

Email nominations to Paula Lewis (OKOTAawards@gmail.com)

Contact Sarah VanAlstine & Paula Lewis if interested in joining the awards committee!

Help us to honor excellence in practice and the best leaders in our profession –

****committee members are needed to gather information on nominees, contact prior nominees asking them to present this years' awards at conference, create a PowerPoint background (images & music) to use during the ceremony, and contact finalists in advance to invite them and a guest to attend the Awards Banquet to receive their plaque in person.**