2015 OEA Awards

Call for Nominations

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Nomination Deadline:
Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Awards presented at OEA Representative Assembly
April 17-18, 2015
Each year OEA recognizes the efforts and achievements of Association members and individuals outside the organization who contribute greatly to public education in Oregon.

Eleven major award categories for Association members and non-members have been adopted by the OEA Board of Directors. In addition, the OEA President bestows special honors via presidential citations upon individual members, local Associations, UniServ councils, and other Association groups.

Awards will be presented at the annual OEA Representative Assembly, April 17-18, 2015, at the Red Lion Hotel on the River–Jantzen Beach, Portland.

Who may submit nominations

Nominations for OEA Awards may be submitted by: OEA members, OEA committees, local Associations, UniServ councils or OEA staff. Nominations may be made either electronically through the OEA website or on the OEA Award forms (available to download from the OEA website and also sent to local and state leaders and staff). A separate form should be used for each nominee.

Judging

The OEA Executive Committee will judge the nominees based on published criteria and descriptions of award categories printed in this announcement. The judges appreciate as much detailed information as you can provide about your nominee and why that individual is deserving of an award, and will contact you if they have questions or need clarification. If, in the opinion of the judges, an entry is submitted in the wrong category, it will be moved to the proper classification. Those nominees not selected for one of the 11 major awards will be considered for a presidential citation.

Submitting Nominations

A completed nomination form must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 3. Entries arriving after that time will not be considered.

Mail, fax or email your submissions to:

Communications Department
Oregon Education Association
6900 SW Atlanta Street, Building 1
Portland, OR 97223-2513
Fax: 503-684-8063 (Portland area)
Email: OEAawards@oregoned.org
Or complete online at: www.oregoned.org/whats-new/oea-awards

Required nomination information is on the back of this announcement and below. All nominations must include all of the information requested. Nominations will not be accepted via telephone.

Preparing Nomination Forms

Choose the appropriate category for your entry, or make your best guess for category and leave it to the judges. If you are entering a nominee in more than one category, you must prepare a separate nomination for each category entered.

If your nominee is an Association member, include: 1) their name, 2) home address, 3) complete address of the school where they are employed, 4) their local Association name, and 5) requested phone numbers and email. If your nominee is a non-member, include: 1) their job title, 2) business name and description, 3) complete address, and 4) phone number and email.

You must also provide a rationale that includes: background, achievements, project descriptions, and other relevant information. Please limit to two pages.
Dick Barss/Pat Wohlers
Member Rights Award
This award will honor an OEA member who has made a significant contribution toward protecting or furthering the rights of our members.

Noel Connall IPD Award
Do you know someone who has been instrumental in developing or implementing instruction and professional development through programs or contract language? Is your professional life better because of his or her advocacy and expertise? Yes? You know the perfect person to honor!

Robert G. Crumpton
Organizational Excellence Award
Who is your OEA mentor? Do you know an Association member who has promoted organizational excellence through long-term service to OEA? Criteria includes: 1) at least 10 years of service to the Association, 2) service at more than one level of the Association (local/UniServ/state/national) and, 3) demonstration of consistent support and involvement within the Association. This award is not intended to recognize single achievement, but rather to recognize ongoing and outstanding voluntary activities which are the foundation of OEA.

Excellence in Education Award
OEA members are working wonders every day. This award will honor an Association member for outstanding accomplishments toward educational excellence for all students. Likely honorees have spearheaded a model program that could impact students statewide or have had a significant influence on educational policy for the improvement of education for all students.

Political Action Award
Every year OEA members across the state work hard together to influence the outcome of our legislature and elections consistent with our OEA plan. Do you know a member, local Association, or UniServ that has gone the extra-mile to provide political leadership on behalf of OEA’s political agenda? Maybe your UniServ turned out more members than ever before for OEA statewide canvass or phone-banks. Maybe you brought a bus-load to the State Capitol. Maybe you organized local coalitions to influence the conversation on the value of educators in your community. This award will honor the Association member, local Association or UniServ council that has done the most to achieve the Association’s political action goals.

Kevin Forney
Education Support Professional Award
This award will honor an ESP member whose individual activities reflect the contribution of ESP members to public education in Oregon. Award winner is submitted to NEA for ESP of the Year award.

Ruth E. Greiner
Membership Award
The first job of any OEA Leader is to work on recruiting your replacement. We need members involved with all levels of experience. This award recognizes the contributions of a newer member or an experienced member who has worked hard to include newer members at the local or state level.

Deanna Conner
Community College Award
This award will recognize the contributions of an OEA community college member who has made a positive impact on the advocacy of Oregon community colleges. Nominees will be reviewed by the Community College UniServ Council Award Committee and the recipient will be reported to the OEA President.

Ed Elliott Human Rights Award
During the American Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, the National Education Association and the American Teachers Association merged to promote inclusion of all students in public education. Ed Elliott, as a staff member of the Oregon Education Association, advocated for this effort within the Oregon public education system. The Ed Elliott Human Rights Award is bestowed upon an individual who has made a sustained contribution to human and civil rights in Oregon. The award recognizes contributions and leadership that advocated for social justice to promote quality of access, representation, and opportunity for all.

Education Citizen of the Year
This is OEA’s highest award to a non-member. The nominee may not be an educator, but must be someone outside the field who has made a sustained contribution to or has had a recognized impact on education in Oregon. Criteria for selection includes: 1) currently active in support of public education in Oregon, 2) service to education over a period of time, 3) someone NOT professionally active in education, and 4) a forward-looking philosophy of education in line with OEA’s objectives for the profession.

News Media Award(s)
We need strong media voices to share our stories with the public. This award is intended for members of the media who have increased public understanding of education achievements, problems or programs. This category includes: 1) continuous coverage of education, 2) special news or feature stories/programs on education, 3) editorials, 4) photography/graphic depictions of education.

Presidential Citations
Each year the OEA President recognizes individual members, local Associations, UniServ councils, bargaining councils, committees and other Association groups for excellence in achieving various Association goals. The OEA President welcomes all suggestions for these citations.
PLEASE NOTE: Each nomination must include the following information:

1. Award:

2. Nominee's Name and Contact Information (Home address, phone, email):

3. Nominee's School/Business Name, Address and Phone:

4. Subject/Grade Level/Job Title:

5. Nominee's Local Association Name:

6. Your Name and Local Association:

7. Your Phone Number: (home) (work)

8. Your email address:

9. NOMINATION RATIONALE: Include achievements, background information, experience, years in service, projects, contributions, positive impact of the contributions, accomplishments, and any other relevant information. You may attach up to two additional pages.

This information is used for the awards presentation speech and media announcements, so accuracy is important. Nominations without this information will not be considered.

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