

# Call for Recognition for TOTA Awards

Please complete this form for each nomination. You may make as many copies as you need.

Nominee/Name of Award \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

TOTA Membership:  Yes  No AOTA Membership:  Yes  No

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity (Individual TOTA member, TOTA officer, other) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions concerning the nominee (If not applicable, indicate "n/a")

- a. Approximate number of years of sustained activity in occupational therapy \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Yes  No The nominee has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the profession worthy of state recognition. (In the attached narrative, describe the significant contribution, including the nominee's knowledge and expertise.)
  - c.  Yes  No The nominee has shared his/her expertise through oral and/or written communication (A list of publications, including audiovisual materials, should be highlighted in the narrative.)
  - d.  Yes  No The nominee has participated in national/state/district association activities. (Association participation, including offices held, committee or task force membership, or other types of involvement should be highlighted in the narrative.)
2. The nominees will be contacted by the recognition committee for a copy of their current résumé.
  3. Send a copy of this form and the narrative to: **TOTA, Inc. • P.O. Box 15576 • Austin, TX 78761-5576**

**Deadline for submission: Must be received in the TOTA office by  
September 15, 2007**

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- **OTR and COTA of the Year:** Awarded for meritorious, outstanding or distinguished services to the profession of occupational therapy. (Must have current membership in TOTA and AOTA at the time of nomination. A written statement should describe the nominee's contribution[s] to the profession and why you think this person should be OTR or COTA of the year.)
- **Distinguished Service Award:** Recognition of a group or individual for continued active advice, work, counsel or assistance which has or will make significant contributions to the development, growth, or promotion of the association or occupational therapy; also, by a group or individual's overall awareness, publicity, growth and development. (Can be given to an individual group, OTs or non-OTs.) A written statement should define the nature of the individual's service to TOTA.
- **Roster of Merit:** Members of TOTA and AOTA who, through their efforts, over a period of fifteen years or more, have made significant contributions in two or more of the following areas (other areas not listed will be given consideration also): a) Therapeutic practice—education, research, public relations, administration and recruitment; b) Communication—through written publication, oral presentations, seminars or workshops; c) Association activities—serving on committees, task forces, boards and elected positions in district, state or national OT association. A written statement should describe the nominee's contribution to the profession over 15 years or longer, including therapeutic practice, publications, professional activities, etc.
- **Letter of Appreciation:** An individual or group who has made a significant contribution to TOTA or the profession of OT in a special area through the use of special talents or which goes beyond those of normal professional duties or responsibilities. (Can be given to individuals or groups, members of TOTA or not; both OTs and non-OTs.) A written statement should state the contribution of the individual to the association or profession of occupational therapy.
- **Award for Clinical Excellence:** Demonstration of short-term innovative or exceptional activity in clinical occupational therapy. (OTR or COTA members of TOTA; must be individual, clinic, facility, research group or district.) A written statement should describe the specific achievements of the person, group or clinic.
- **Clinical Educator of the Year:** Individuals who have contributions in some or all of the following areas: a) Development and/or revision of a facility's fieldwork program; b) Exhibits expertise in student supervision; c) Trains student supervisors; d) Contributes to the profession through in-service education/publications.
- **Honorary Full Life Membership:** Members of TOTA and AOTA who through their lifetime have made significant contributions to the profession and TOTA. The individual must have participated in offices, committees, or task forces for the association throughout the years and have reached an age of retirement or limited professional duty. A written statement should give evidence of the person's contributions to profession and association throughout her/his lifetime.
- **COTA/OTR Collaboration Award:** A COTA and an OTR who are members of TOTA and AOTA and have worked together in a collaborative effort to make significant contributions to the profession of occupational therapy. These areas include research, practice and education, as well as presentations and publications. A written statement should describe their achievements.
- **Interdisciplinary Team Award:** Recognition of a team of interdisciplinary professionals, which included an OTR and/or COTA who are members of TOTA and AOTA, who have made significant contributions in some or all of the following areas: a) Participation in community projects that affect the lives of disabled citizens; b) Participation in patient advocacy activities; c) Involvement in legislative activities to improve the quality of life of the disabled; d) Participation in joint research efforts; e) Participation in a non-traditional program. A written statement should describe the specific achievements of the team.
- **Academic Educator of the Year:** Recognition of an OTR, who is a member of TOTA and AOTA, who has made outstanding contributions to academic education in the following areas: a) Exhibits innovative teaching skills and serves as a role model; b) Significant contributions to presentation, publications and research efforts; c) Serves on boards of the organization, chairs committees or is an officer of a community organization. A written statement should describe the nominee's contribution to academic education, as well as to the profession.
- **Student Leadership Award:** Recognition of a student who is a member of TOTA, who has made outstanding contributions and has shown leadership in one of the following areas: a) Participation in community projects that affect the lives of disabled citizens; b) Active involvement in a leadership capacity in local or state professional organizations related to occupational therapy; and, c) Participation as an advocate for the profession or for the persons served by the profession

See page one for the nomination form.