

SC Occupational Therapy Awards Criteria and Application

Lifetime Award:

This is the highest honor awarded by SCOTA. Individuals considered for this award have distinguished themselves through years of consistent service toward SCOTA, the state of South Carolina, and the profession of occupational therapy. The recipient is selected and approved by the majority vote of the SCOTA executive board. Through involvement in SCOTA and years of professional dedication the recipient of this award has:

Aided the public to better understand OT

Aided other professional disciplines to understand OT

Became an adept interpreter of the function and objectives of SCOTA

Consistently contributed to SCOTA for a time period

Minimal Qualifications: (The nominee must meet all of these criteria)

Actively employed as an occupational therapist for at least 25 years

Active member of SCOTA for at least 20 years and at time of award

Served as an officer or committee chair for at least 10 years

Benefits:

Lifetime membership in SCOTA without continued payment of dues

Shall receive all benefits of active membership

Long Term Service Award:

The purpose of this award is to honor either an OT or OTA who has made a significant global contribution to the profession of occupational therapy in the state of South Carolina. The recipient of this award has made a significant impact on the growth and development in all areas listed as follows:

- Actively involved to help the public better understand occupational therapy
- Actively involved in advancing the occupational therapy profession
- Actively employed as an OT or OTA in South Carolina for at least 20 years
- Active member of SCOTA for at least 10 years and at time of award

Distinguished OT Award

The purpose of this award is to honor either an OT or OTA who has made a notable contribution to the profession and consumers in South Carolina in a focused area of occupational therapy practice. The recipient of this award meets the following criteria:

Identify the specific area of practice where contributions have been made

Actively employed as an OT or OTA for at least 10 years

Active member of SCOTA for at least 5 years

Distinguished New OT Practitioner Award

The purpose of this award is to honor either an OT or OTA who has, within their first 5 years of practice, made notable contribution to the profession and consumers in South Carolina in occupational therapy practice. The recipient of this award meets the following criteria:

- Identify the specific contributions that have been made by the candidate
- Actively employed as an OT or OTA for 5 years or less
- Active member of SCOTA for at least 1 year and at time of award

Distinguished Fieldwork Educator Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize an OT or OTA who has demonstrated excellence in clinical education as a fieldwork educator in Level I and/or Level II fieldwork experiences for occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant students.

- Please include a description of why this FWE deserves this award.

Distinguished Non-OT Award

The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize either an individual or group who have made a significant contribution and support to SCOTA to enhance the growth and development of occupational therapy in South Carolina.

- Please include a description of why this individual or group deserves this award and the contribution they have made and/or support they have provided.

SCOTA Recognition of Achievement Award Nomination Form

Nominee

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

SCOTA Member: Yes No Number of years of in SCOTA: _____

Number of years employed in profession of OT: _____

Primary Nominator

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

SCOTA Member: Yes No

Please check the appropriate award nomination:

Lifetime Award OTR/COTA

Long Term Service Award OTR/COTA

Distinguished OTR/COTA Award

Distinguished New Practitioner OTR/COTA Award

Distinguished Fieldwork Educator Award

Distinguished Non-OT

1. Seven word statement highlighting the nominee's primary contributions:

2. Narrative instructions: Describe how his/her significant contributions justify their receipt of this award.

3. Please attached the nominee's resume to validate information.

4. Please send, e-mail the current Chair Person of the Nominating Committee.

Neki Richardson, nekirichardson@gmail.com with the subject *SCOTA nomination*

IF THE REQUIRED FORMAT IS NOT FOLLOWED, THE NOMINATION WILL BE RETURNED.