

South Carolina Occupational Therapy Association

Awards Criteria

Lifetime Award

This is the highest honor awarded by SCOTA. Individuals considered for this award have demonstrated distinguished and consistent service to SCOTA, the state of South Carolina, and the profession of occupational therapy. Nominees must meet the following minimum qualifications for award consideration:

- Active employment as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant for at least 25 years.
- Active SCOTA member for at least 20 years
- Served on the SCOTA board for at least 10 years

Lifetime award recipients receive lifetime SCOTA membership with all the benefits of active membership.

Long-term Service Award

This award honors an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant that has made a significant contribution to advancing the profession of occupational therapy in the state of South Carolina. Nominees must meet the following minimum qualifications for award consideration:

- Active employment as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant for at least 15 years
- Active SCOTA member for at least 10 years

Distinguished Practitioner Award

This award honors an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant that has made notable contributions to the profession and consumers in the state of South Carolina within a focused area of practice. Nominees must meet the following minimum qualifications for award consideration:

- Active employment as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant for at least 10 years
- Active SCOTA member for at least 5 years

Distinguished New Practitioner Award

This award honors an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who has made notable contributions to the profession and consumers in the state of South Carolina within their first 5 years of practice. Nominees must meet the following minimum qualifications for award consideration:

- Active employment as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant for at least 5 years
- Active SCOTA member for at least 1 year

Distinguished Fieldwork Educator Award

This award honors an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who has demonstrated excellence in clinical education as a Level I and/or Level II fieldwork educator. Nominees must meet the following minimum qualifications for award consideration:

- Active employment as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant for at least 2 years
- Active SCOTA member for at least 1 year

Distinguished Non-Practitioner Award

This award honors an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the practice of occupational therapy in the state of South Carolina. Nominees for this award are not occupational therapy practitioners but demonstrate substantial support of SCOTA's efforts to enhance the growth and development of the profession.

*** Award recipients are determined by majority vote of the SCOTA executive committee***

South Carolina Occupational Therapy Association Nominee Application

NOMINEE

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

SCOTA Member since: _____

Current/Previous SCOTA Board Position(s) held: _____

Number of years employed as a practitioner: _____

NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

SCOTA Member since: _____

Please indicate the desired award nomination:

- Lifetime Award
- Long-Term Service Award
- Distinguished Practitioner Award
- Distinguished New Practitioner Award
- Distinguished Fieldwork Educator Award
- Distinguished Non-Practitioner Award

1. Include a brief description that highlights the nominee's primary contribution(s) and a current resume/CV
2. Email the completed application and supporting documents to the Nominating/Awards Chair at scotanominations@gmail.com