

Ohio School Psychologists Association Awards Nomination Form

OSPA recognizes excellence in the field of school psychology by conferring several awards throughout the year. Now is the time to nominate colleagues deserving of recognition. Please review the nomination criteria for each award and complete the attached nomination form.

Nominations for Fall Awards – School Psychologist of the Year and Early Career Award – are due by September 15.

Nominations for Spring Awards – Clyde V. Bartlett Distinguished Service Award, R.A. Horn Honorary Life Membership, and Pete Gross Best Practices Award – are due by March 1.

Nomination packets must be submitted electronically. Nominations should be sent to awards@ospaonline.org as one .pdf document.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa or Rob!

Thank you,
Melissa Bestgen and Rob Kubick
Awards Committee Co-Chairs
awards@ospaonline.org

Award Descriptions and Criteria

Early Career Award (Fall)

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge the accomplishments of school psychologists in the first five years of their career. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to the practice and promotion of school psychology, research, and advocacy. Membership in local, state, and national organizations, presentation of research at professional conferences, and participation in volunteer and advocacy events are considered. Nominees must be OSPA members and can be nominated by anyone.

School Psychologist of the Year Award (Fall)

The purpose of this award is to recognize one school psychologist each year who provides outstanding service delivery within the practitioner realm. It is required that at least seventy-five percent of a candidate's time be spent providing school psychological services to students, teachers, and parents, typically in a school setting. Nominees must be OSPA members and are nominated by the regional association.

Clyde V. Bartlett Distinguished Service Award (Spring)

The purpose of this award is to recognize an Ohio school psychologist for outstanding service or achievement in the profession. Nominees should possess personal qualities thought to be desirable in the profession, have made outstanding contributions to the profession beyond duty, contributed significantly to the growth and development of the profession, and demonstrated outstanding service in the area of mental health. Nominees must be OSPA members and can be nominated by anyone.

R.A. Horn Honorary Life Membership (Spring)

The purpose of the award is to honor a retiring member or non-member who has performed an outstanding service to school psychology and has an abiding interest in the profession. The nominee should be an individual who has contributed significantly to the field of school psychology. Nominees must be OSPA members and can be nominated by anyone.

Pete Gross Best Practices Award (Spring)

The purpose of this award is to recognize school psychology programs that demonstrate exemplary professional practices and to provide specific information to other school psychologists. Practices in areas such as technical skills, direct service to students, indirect services to students, and personal effort are considered. Nominees must be OSPA members and can be nominated by anyone.

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Please complete and submit the following form and award materials
by September 15 for Fall awards and March 1 for Spring awards.

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Nominated for (select one):

- ☐ Early Career Award (Fall)
- ☐ School Psychologist of the Year Award (Fall)
- ☐ Clyde V. Barlett Distinguished Service Award (Spring)
- ☐ Pete Gross Best Practice Award (Spring)
- ☐ R.A.Horn Honorary Life Membership Award (Spring)

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Names, addresses, and phone numbers of colleagues who support this nomination:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

For award nominations, please include:

- ✓ Nomination Form
- ✓ Nominator's statement, describing reason for nomination
- ✓ Nominee's Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation or support
- ✓ Statement from nominee on an issue in School Psychology (School Psychologist of the Year only)
- ✓ Additional documentation to support nomination (view online rubrics for detailed criteria)