



WAOTA OT Awards 2025 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The deadline for all award nominations is Friday 7th March, 2025

Nominations are invited for this year's WA Occupational Therapy Association Awards. All awards will be presented at the WA Occupational Therapy Association Awards Night on Saturday 10th May 2025. Please read through the following criteria for each award to assist in matching the award with your colleague's skill and contribution to the profession.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE 2025 AWARDS

MEMBER AWARDS

These award categories are for WA Occupational Therapy Association members only. If required, please contact WAOTA to confirm eligibility.

FREDA JACOB AWARD

Eligibility

- Must be a member of WAOTA

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has provided long standing dedication to the OT profession, including being a mentor and role model to others
- Outline how the nominee displays the qualities of being passionate, inspirational, visionary and pioneering
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the profession

ELIZABETH ADAMS BEQUEST

Eligibility

- Must be a member of WAOTA
- Must be a graduate of a WA School of OT

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has provided meritorious service in Occupational Therapy
- Outline how the nominee has made a significant contribution to a field of Occupational Therapy
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the profession

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO WA OT ASSOCIATION

Eligibility

- Must be a member of WAOTA for a minimum of 7 years

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has provided consistent, outstanding service to WA OT Association over many years
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the profession

STUDENT MEMBER AWARD

Eligibility

- Must be a member of WAOTA for a minimum of 2 years

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has provided consistent, outstanding service to the WA OT Association during their years as a student
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the Association

PIONEER AWARD

Eligibility

- Must be a member of WAOTA
- The nominee is currently practising or a retired OT

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has provided meritorious service in Occupational Therapy or a related field to which the person's training as an Occupational Therapist is a significant factor
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the OT profession

LORNA SHERLOCK AWARD

Eligibility

- Must be a member of WAOTA
- The nominee is currently practising or a retired OT
- The nominee will have been practising Occupational Therapy for a minimum of 15 years

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has nurtured and encouraged other OTs
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the OT profession

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

Eligibility

- Must be a member of WAOTA

- The nominee has been a member of the WA OT Association for a minimum of 15 years

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has demonstrated consistent and outstanding service to the WA OT Association over a minimum of 15 years (or at the discretion of the Board)
- Provide examples of the nominees contribution to the OT profession

Non- member Awards

RURAL AND REMOTE OT OF THE YEAR

Eligibility

- The nominee is currently working in a rural community

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has provided outstanding Occupational Therapy service to their rural community
- Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated commitment, advancement, and promotion of Occupational Therapy in their rural community

NEW GRADUATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Eligibility

- The nominee has been working full time as an Occupational Therapist for a maximum of four years

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has excelled in Occupational Therapy in either service development/research/ leadership/mentoring/professional issues or education
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the OT profession

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has demonstrated clinical excellence (with the focus being on professional dedication to direct clinical practice and contribution to occupational therapy, regardless of years of experience)
- Provide examples of how the nominee has shown commitment to best practice, consumer focus and involvement, and has demonstrated innovation within a service or when undertaking projects

OT ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has positively influenced the Occupational Therapy profession through promoting an area of practice
- Provide examples of how the nominee has made a positive influence on the OT profession

OT EMPLOYER EXCELLENCE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The WA Occupational Therapy Association Employer Excellence Award recognises employers who consistently uphold the values and expectations of the occupational therapy profession in Western Australia. This prestigious award aims to acknowledge and celebrate organisations that demonstrate exemplary commitment to the principles, ethics, and best practices of occupational therapy.

Selection Criteria

- Outline how the nominee has demonstrated the following-
 - A deep understanding of occupational therapy principles and actively incorporates them into workplace culture, policies, and practices.
 - Investment in ongoing professional development opportunities for occupational therapy staff to enhance their knowledge, skills, and competencies.
 - A positive and inclusive work environment that promotes the wellbeing, professional growth, and job satisfaction of occupational therapy staff.
 - Advocacy and leadership at various level to advance the occupational therapy profession and promote the welfare of occupational therapy practitioners and clients.
- Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated the above criteria.

****The nominator is responsible for ensuring that the nominee attends the WA Occupational Therapy Association Awards Night***

****Nominations for all Awards should be made without the knowledge of the nominee.***



NOMINATION FORM

Nominations for all Awards are "confidential" and made without the knowledge of the nominee.

Award nominated:

WA OT Association Member Awards

- Freda Jacob
- Elizabeth Adams Bequest
- Recognition of Service to WA OT Association
- Student Member
- Pioneer
- Lorna Sherlock
- Life Member

Non-Member Awards

- Rural and Remote OT of the Year
- New Graduate of the Year
- Clinical Excellence
- OT Entrepreneur of the Year
- OT Employer Excellence of the Year

Nominee (recipient):

First Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

Nominator: This nomination is submitted by

Name:

Organisation:

Tel. No.:

Email Address:

This nomination is supported by the following referees:

1. Name:

Tel. No.:

Email Address:

2. Name:

Tel. No.:

Email Address:

Confirm eligibility applicable to the award selected (please write n/a if award does not have eligibility requirements).

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Address the selection criteria applicable to the chosen award (max 2000 characters).

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It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure that their nominee attends the WA Occupational Therapy Association Awards Night in 2025.

Signature of Nominator Date:

Optional:

I/We agree that the details on this nomination may be used to promote OT Awards Night. Yes/No