

# Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual LOTA Awards. Please consider nominating a colleague, teacher, student, or administrator who you feel is deserving of recognition by the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association.

All nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee and distributed at the Business Meeting of the Spring Conference in New Orleans. Award recipients also will be announced in the LOTA newsletter and website, submitted to OT Practice/AOTA, and the local newspaper.

Nominations for the following awards are being accepted until **March 20, 2010**.

## **Award of Merit**

Purpose: to recognize long standing and significant contributions to the profession

Can be OT or OTA

Minimum of 2 years sustained activity in the OT profession

Contributions may include, but are not limited to: therapeutic practice, administration, education, communication, support of LOTA, or research

## **Award of Appreciation**

Purpose: to express the appreciation of LOTA for significant contributions to the advancement of OT in the state of Louisiana and to recognize individuals/organizations who have made significant contributions which impact the Association and its objectives

Can include a group of individuals

Must have made specific contribution to the advancement of OT with efforts including, but not limited to: financial assistance, promotion of the profession, pioneer work, or political assistance

## **Outstanding Graduate**

Purpose: to recognize a graduate from a Louisiana OT/OTA program who has demonstrated an incentive to contribute to the growth and development of OT and/or the Association

Must be active member of LOTA

Contributions may include, but are not limited to: active support and participation in academic programs/state associations, outstanding leadership roles, special communications (publications, lectures), or research

## **OT of the Year/COTA of the Year**

Purpose: to recognize outstanding proficiency in an individual's particular duties and/or outstanding achievement in the profession

Must hold membership in LOTA and have minimum of 5 years sustained activity in the profession

Contributions may include, but are not limited to: therapeutic practice, administration, education, communication, support of LOTA, or research

To submit a nomination, please include the name of the nominee and contact information (home and work phone), and award of consideration. A statement of recommendation, highlighting the individual's contribution, not to exceed 4 typed paragraphs, is required for consideration. All nominations must include the nominator's name, contact information, and signature of authenticity. Award winners and nominator(s) will receive announcement letters and are strongly encouraged to attend the Spring Conference for acceptance.

**Nominations should be sent to: LOTA PO Box 14806 Baton Rouge, LA 70898.**