OT of the NT Award
Introduction

The OT of NT Award is an annual award of Occupational Therapy Australia - NT Division. This award provides ongoing recognition to our members, many of whom represent the profession and the Association on a long term and consistent basis, as well as acknowledging that they are simply remarkable occupational therapists.

Frequency

The Award is available on an annual basis.

Eligibility

- All nominees must be nominated by a current member of Occupational Therapy Australia.
- The nominee will be a current member of Occupational Therapy Australia - and will have been a continuous member for at least Two (2) years, and worked primarily for at least the previous 2 years in the Northern Territory.
- Members of committees, working groups and regional and special interest groups are encouraged to apply and will not suffer any discrimination in the selection process because of their honorary participation in the business of the Association.
- Members of the Occupational Therapy Australia – NT Councils are not eligible to be nominated or to make nominations.
- Nominees must not have been a recipient of the OT of the NT Award in the last 2 years

Selection Guidelines

The successful nominee will have made a significant contribution to the profession of occupational therapy in the NT, as determined by the selection panel. Word limit of maximum one page per criteria applies.

- COMMITMENT to the profession
- DEVELOPMENT and PROMOTION of the profession
- QUIET ACHIEVEMENT
- ALL ROUNDER- represented the profession with clinical skills and excellence
- RESEARCH or project to develop the profession
- BUSINESS excellence or development
- The contribution to the profession may be in clinical practice, research, education, curriculum, academia, the Association, private practice, education, policy and planning, or any other area considered worthy by the selection panel.
Relevant areas of professional activity are listed on the selection pro forma to serve as a guideline only. It is suggested that the panel peruse the material relating to each nominee and extract details of significant contributions to the profession for discussion by the selection panel. Areas of contribution (as listed on the selection pro forma are as follows):

- Membership of the Occupational Therapy Australia – NT Divisional Council/working parties
- Interest group/regional group involvement
- Representation of the profession to outside bodies
- Public relations
- Conference/seminar organisation
- Conference/seminar presentations
- Publication/journal articles
- Mentoring
- Research
- Higher qualifications
- Awards, e.g. fellowships, scholarships
- Student education, teaching and learning, curriculum development
- Clinical excellence
- Development of new clinical techniques
- Pioneering new areas of occupational therapy practice
- Development of occupational therapy services
- Policy development
- Advocating for the profession, e.g. registration issue, career structure
- Territory, national, international profile

It may be that a person has contributed substantially in a number of the above areas, or that he/she has made a very significant contribution in only one or two areas.

- The spirit of the award is to recognise an individual who has made an overall contribution to the profession which will have a collective impact on the profession and profile of Occupational Therapy in the NT
- The panel is required to consider the diversity of occupational therapy careers and to make a qualitative decision based on the above
- Nominators must complete a Nomination Form and submit to Occupational Therapy Australia - NT/QLD Division by the closing date
- Nominees must complete the Nominee Information and provide curriculum vitae to Occupational Therapy Australia - NT/QLD Division by the due date
- The panel has the right not to grant the award if nominations are deemed not to meet the selection guidelines
OTA NT Divisional Council Chairpersons Choice

- If no suitable nominations are received, or if none of the nominations meet the selection guidelines the OTA NT Divisional Council Chairperson may nominate a member they consider to be a worthy recipient.
- The nominee will not be advised that their nomination has been made by the Chairperson
- The nominees must complete the Nominee Information and provide curriculum vitae to Occupational Therapy Australia - NT/QLD Division by the due date set by the OTA NT Divisional Council

Selection Panel

Following the close of nominations, panel members will be chosen each year by the OTA NT Divisional Council and invited to be on the selection panel. The selection panel will consist of 3 members as follows:

- the Chair of the Occupational Therapy Australia- Divisional Council
- a member of the Occupational Therapy Australia – QLD Divisional Council
- the recipient of the Award of the previous year

Should the chair not be available due to availability or a potential conflict of interest, a member of the NT Division Council will be nominated. Should the previous year’s recipient not be available, another previous recipient will be nominated.

Confidentiality

- The identity of nominees and curriculum vitae details are privileged information, and are to be treated with the strictest confidence by the panel.
- The identity of the nominators is to be confidential from the nominee.
- Any queries in regards to the panel or outcome of decision should be directed to the NT Chairperson

Recipients

A record of recipients will be maintained by Occupational Therapy Australia - NT/QLD Division for historical purposes.
The Award

- The value of the award can be reviewed by Occupational Therapy Australia - NT/QLD Division.
- The award shall consist of:
  - Fulltime OTA Membership for the following year to OTA
  - Framed certificate of achievement
- The award will be presented at the Occupational Therapy Week Celebrations in Darwin or at an alternative OTA event decided by the Occupational Therapy Australia - NT Divisional Council Chairperson.

Funding of the Award

- The award is to be reviewed annually by the OTA NT Divisional Council.
- Where funding permits Occupational Therapy Australia - NT/QLD Division will cover the costs of
  - airfare and accommodation should the recipient be a regional member (outside of Darwin) to attend the Occupational Therapy Week Celebrations
  - the expenses of the selection panel including teleconferences/meetings
  - cost of function/dinner for the recipient and their guest (if applicable)

Promoting the Award

- Publish details of award, and application form on the association website all year.
- Promote and publish details of award, nomination forms and closing dates in member e-news at least two months prior to the award being presented.
- Encourage members to nominate their colleagues – the nomination is recognition of their contribution and is as equally important as the award.
- Promote via regional and special interest groups.
- Previous recipients will be encouraged to promote the award

Timelines

Applications close: Friday 31st August 2018