OASERVIC STATE AWARDS

INFORMATION PACKET



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**INTRODUCTION**

1. **About State Awards**

The Ohio Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (OASERVIC) worked to launch their annual awards program in 2020 to provide recognition and to distinguish Ohio professional counselors for superb ethical and professional practices. OASERVIC Awards recipients will be recognized at the All Ohio Counselors Conference and be featured on OASERVIC’s website. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements outlined in this packet. Award recipients will be notified by **August 1, 2025.**

All nominations (including self-nominations) must be emailed to [fawn.gordon@ursuline.edu](mailto:fawn.gordon@ursuline.edu) by **June 27, 2025** to be considered for each respective award. Please ensure each required document is fully completed and attached to a single email. Nominations cannot be received via fax. Please scan items and include them as an attachment as needed.

**Award Nomination Checklist:**

Nominee is an OASERVIC member

Nominee is an OCA member

Nomination letter thoroughly addresses criteria for the award

The following supporting documents are attached:

* The nominee’s current vitae/résumé
* One letter of nomination/support demonstrating award criteria outlined in this packet

**Certificate Nomination Checklist:**

Applicant is an OASERVIC member

Applicant is an OCA member

Application essay thoroughly addresses criteria for the certificate of competency

The following supporting documents are attached:

* The nominee’s current vitae/résumé
* One letter of nomination/support demonstrating award criteria outlined in this packet

**STATE AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS**

**Best Ethical & Spiritual Counseling Practice Award**

**Description of Award:** This award was established to recognize OASERVIC individuals or a community organization that demonstrates best professional ethics and who has gone above and beyondin their clinical practice, service, and/or education to promote the field of counseling.

**Award Requirements:** To be nominated for this award, nominee must be able to demonstrate how their practice, service, and/or educational work has demonstrated substantial ethical and spiritual service to the field of counseling.

**Nominee:** OASERVIC Member; Community Organization

**Nominator:** Self or colleague(s); OASERVIC member(s)

**Nomination Guidelines:**

Please submit the following documentation for this award:

* 1-2 page (750 words or less) award nomination
* 1 supporting letter of support outlining best practice, service, and/or education
* The nominee’s current vitae/résumé

**Advocacy & Elevation of Client Welfare Award**

**Description of Awards:** The primary responsibility of counselors is for the promotion of client welfare. This award recognizes a counselor who advocates for the promotion of best ethical practices for their clients through the competencies of the profession and the values of diversity, equity, equality.

**Award Requirements:** To be nominated for this award, nominee must be able to demonstrate how their advocacy or practice work has elevated the welfare of their clients through either competent practice or advocating for social justice as outlined in the guiding American Counseling Association values of diversity, equality, and inclusion.

**Nominee:** OASERVIC Member

**Nominator:** Self or colleague(s); OASERVIC member(s)

**Nomination Guidelines:**

Please submit the following documentation for this award:

* 1-2 page (750 words or less) award nomination
* 1 supporting letter of support outlining advocacy for client welfare and/or social justice
* The nominee’s current vitae/résumé

**Professional Integrity & Leadership Award**

**Description of Awards:** This award is for thecounselor who demonstrates, within their leadership and service, the 6 ethical principles delineated in the ACA *Code of Ethics*: autonomy, nonmaleficence, beneficence, justice, fidelity, and veracity.

**Award Requirements:** To be nominated for this award, nominee must be able to demonstrate how their leadership style and service has been guided by the 6 ethical principles of autonomy, nonmaleficence, beneficence, justice, fidelity, and veracity.

**Nominee:** OASERVIC Member

**Nominator:** Self or colleague(s); OASERVIC member(s)

**Nomination Guidelines:**

Please submit the following documentation for this award:

* 1-2 page (750 words or less) award nomination
* 1 supporting letter of support outlining how nominee met the 6 ethical principles in their leadership service\*
* The nominee’s current vitae/résumé

**\*Note:** Letter of support can work in combination with the award nomination to meet the 6 ethical principles.