

Ohio Art Education Association

Advocate Awards

Advocate of Merit and Advocate of Honor

This state-level award program recognizes extraordinary effort and accomplishment in advocacy for visual arts education nominated by an OAEA member. The purpose of this award program is to recognize exemplary efforts in art education advocacy.

Definition of “Art Advocacy” as applied to this award:

(Art) advocates promote a specific cause (visual art education) for others. Advocacy action is a part of public relations, but not all public relations actions are advocacy. This award is intended to recognize individuals who specifically promote the importance of visual art education for students in Ohio schools. This is not an award to recognize general positive public relations practice.

Introduction:

Members benefit from specific role models in advocacy action. This award provides that model and inspiration for advocacy. Recognition can also be very motivating for a teacher to take that extra step in a seemingly thankless endeavor. Our current awards recognize accomplished teaching in regions and by divisions. This award pinpoints a specific aspect of education practice; advocacy leadership in art education.

An annual Advocate Award to recognize those who have demonstrated specific exemplary effort and accomplishment in visual art advocacy is significant to OAEA members because it promotes professional growth and leadership, which aligns with the mission of OAEA. Members can nominate, be nominated and honored more than once. More than one member can be recognized each year. The total number of Advocate Awards (Merit and Honor combined) would not exceed the total number of Outstanding Art Teacher Awards presented annually.

Program Leadership and Facilitators:

The PR/Advocacy Committee calls for nominations. The Award Chairperson collects all nominee applications. The PR/Advocacy Committee reviews nominee applications and selects awardees based on scores earned on rubric. Currently seated PR/Advocacy Chairs are eligible for the award during their term. The Awards Chair confirms all applicants are qualified and complete requirements and organizes the award presentation. The 2nd Vice President and representative from Ohio Alliance for Arts Education would serve as voting resources in the process. The 2nd Vice President would deliver the results to the Awards Chairperson and nominees and will assist the Awards Chairperson in the final presentation.

Alignment:

The OAEA mission to promote professional growth and leadership, an annual Advocate Award would recognize the professional leadership of a member educator for outstanding effort and accomplishment in advocacy.

Procedure:

The award cycle would coincide with the current award cycles for Outstanding Art Teachers, Division Awards and Service Awards in all aspects including nomination, applications, review and selection and award presentations.

Nomination Materials to be completed by the nominee and nominator aligns with existing OAEA Awards Program documents and procedures as well as the Advocate Nominee Form. The following are required for all nominees:

- Advocate Award Nomination Form
- Letter of Support from the Nominator (describing the art education issue the Advocate Nominee addresses)
- Advocate Nominee Form
- Advocate Award Nomination Materials Request Form
- Standardized Vita Form from the nominee
- Narrative Statement of Advocacy Action by the nominee
- Documentation Materials provided by nominee
- Advocate Award Checklist
- Photo of nominee

Timeline:

Nov. Nomination Form sent to Regional PR/Advocacy Chair or Regional Director at annual conference.

Dec. 1 Regional PR/Advocacy Chair confirms that nominee receives the Nomination Materials Request Form and Standardized VITA with specifics concerning supporting narrative, documents and other materials.

Jan. 1 Regional PR/Advocacy Chair must submit the names and addresses of each nominee of the Advocate Award to the Awards Chairperson

Jan. 31 All supporting materials submitted to Regional PR/Advocacy Chairperson

Feb. 14 Regional PR/Advocacy Chairperson will make backup copies of nominee support materials and send package to Awards Chairperson. Any incomplete nomination packets will be disqualified for consideration for that year.

May LA Mtg Nominees will be evaluated by rubric by the PR/Advocacy Committee with each committee representative completing a rubric. The 2nd Vice President will tally and average all rubrics to determine nominee's Advocate Award status. The 2nd Vice President will notify the Awards Chairperson of the results following the PR/Advocacy Committee decision. Award Chairperson will notify award winners of results and announce award recipients at the end of the May LA meeting.

Nov. Advocate Awards presented at annual conference and cycle repeats.

Criteria for Award:

This award is inspired by the description on OAAE.net website:

www.oaae.net/index.php/en/resources/advocacy/why-advocacy-matters

The two OAEA Advocate Award levels are:

Advocate of Honor

- Performs a lead advocate for art education role outside of job duties related to daily teaching role.
- Recruits other art education advocates to participate in advocacy efforts.
- Testifies, in-person, on art education issues before a policy-making body (local, state, national)
- Works at the state and/or national level on art education advocacy issues

Advocate of Merit

- Makes superior phone or written contact with policy-makers (local, state, national) in regards to art education such as policy actions, changes and advocacy alerts.
- Volunteers to support art education advocacy initiatives within job duties related to daily teaching role.

Advocate Award Score Values

Advocate of Honor = 31-42 points

Advocate of Merit = 15-30 points