

# **OKLAHOMA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ADVOCATE FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM AWARD**

**PURPOSE:**

Presented by the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Education Association, the award honors a person or organization whose contribution to the safeguarding of academic freedom has had a significant impact on the public schools in Oklahoma and in the nation.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

The Advocate for Academic Freedom Award may be bestowed upon any person or organization whose leadership and activities in the state have proven that the person or organization has defended the rights of teachers and public education and the belief in academic freedom in an exceptional manner.

**NOMINATIONS:**

Any member of the Oklahoma Education Association may nominate a recipient by completing a nomination form which can be obtained from any member of the OEA Board of Directors. A screening committee composed of the members of the Forces on Education Committee shall review each nomination. The committee shall submit its recommendation for the Award to the OEA Board of Directors for approval.

**THE AWARD:**

The Advocate for Academic Freedom Award will consist of an engraved plaque. The award will be presented by the OEA President or designee at the annual OEA Delegate Assembly in a ceremony designed to place emphasis on the importance of the award.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS:**

5 p.m. January 29, 2021

***Nominations should be mailed to:***

Oklahoma Education Association  
Forces on Education Committee  
P. O. Box 18485  
Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0485

***Or sent for overnight delivery to***

Oklahoma Education Association  
Forces on Education Committee  
323 E. Madison  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

# OEA ADVOCATE FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Check one:    OEA/NEA Member \_\_\_ Nonmember \_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*(Complete the following section only if nominee is an OEA/NEA member.)*

Local Association \_\_\_\_\_

Local Association President \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return this form to your Zone Director

Name of Zone Director \_\_\_\_\_

Application Deadline: at OEA Headquarters by 5 p.m. January 29, 2021

Return to: Oklahoma Education Association

Attention: Forces on Education Committee

P. O. Box 18485, Oklahoma City, OK 73154

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Include a brief description (see next page) and any supporting material on behalf of nominee.

Briefly describe why this nominee should win the Advocate for Academic Freedom Award: