



Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio's 2015 Annual Meeting and Awards Program

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio is accepting nominations for its 2015 Annual Awards Program. These awards exemplify the vision of Council on Aging that every individual in our region shall have a choice and a range of services and programs that will assist them to remain independent in their chosen environment. Winners will be honored at COA's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony, March 4, 2015 at the Sharonville Convention Center. The meeting will include a buffet lunch, brief overview of COA's 2014 Annual Report from CEO Suzanne Burke, and the awards ceremony.

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL IN AGING AWARD - Honors an individual who consistently demonstrates all-around excellence in his or her professional arena. Nominees have established themselves as leaders in the field of aging and have made a significant contribution to services for older adults and their families in Southwestern Ohio. Award recipients are those who have had a profound and lasting impact through such endeavors as: teaching, research, advocacy, care management, planning, program development or organizational leadership.

Criteria for Outstanding Professional in Aging Award

- All nominees must be employed in COA's service area: Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton or Warren counties
- All nominees must work in or be retired from the field of aging

Required Documentation for Outstanding Professional in Aging Award (*This description must be typed and should not exceed three pages*)

- A description of the nominee's leadership qualities and contribution to the field of aging. This nomination should also include:
 - A list of professional or community honors or awards
 - Narrative of nominee's current responsibilities (or most recent if retired)
- Supporting documentation is encouraged. This may include 1-3 letters of recommendation, articles, award citations and the like.

OUTSTANDING DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDER AWARD (Professional or Volunteer) – Honors an individual who performs an outstanding job providing direct service to older adults or people with disabilities which enhances their quality of life and independence. The nomination must show that the nominee exemplifies a strong commitment to the rights of older adults and people with disabilities.

Criteria for Outstanding Direct Service Provider Award

- All nominees must be employed in COA's service area: Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton or Warren counties

Required Documentation for Outstanding Direct Service Provider Award (*This description must be typed and should not exceed three pages*)

- A description of the nominee's professional excellence. This nomination should also include:
 - Examples of how the nominee has enhanced the well-being and independence of the people in his or her care
 - List of any professional honors
 - Narrative of nominee's current responsibilities
- Supporting documentation is encouraged. This may include 1-3 letters of recommendation.

OUTSTANDING CAREGIVER AWARD – Honors a family or “informal” caregiver who does an outstanding job providing compassionate care for an older adult or person with disabilities by making his or her life easier, better and longer. The nomination must demonstrate that the nominee respects the rights of the care recipient and provides consistent dedication to the care of the older adult or person with disabilities.

Criteria for Outstanding Caregiver Award

- All nominees must demonstrate dedication and commitment to care recipient in Southwestern Ohio
- All nominees must reside in COA’s service area: Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton or Warren counties

Required Documentation for Outstanding Caregiver Award (*This description must be typed and should not exceed three pages*)

- A description of the nominee’s exceptional caregiving skills, dedication and commitment. This nomination should also include:
 - Details of how the caregiver has made a difference in the quality of life for the person in his or her care
 - A narrative of the caregiver’s current (or recent) responsibilities
- Supporting documentation is encouraged. This may include 1-3 letters of recommendation.

Instructions

- Please complete **nomination form** and provide **all required documentation**.
- **Return to:** Amy Leonhardt, Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio, 175 Tri County Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45246 or **By Fax:** 513-721-0090 or **By Email:** aleonhardt@help4seniors.org
- **Nominations are due: January 15, 2015**

NOMINATION FORM

Award Category: ☐ Professional in Aging ☐ Direct Service Provider ☐ Caregiver

Full Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee Position/Title (if applicable): _____

Years in Position: _____ **Total Years at Organization:** _____ **Organization Type:** _____

Nominee’s E-mail: _____

Address, City and County of Nominee: _____

Nominator’s Contact Information:

Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Title: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address, City and County: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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