



**2017 State Leader of the Year Award
NOMINATION FORM**

Presented annually at the Opticians Association of America’s State Leadership Conference, the award represents the highest honor the association can bestow upon an individual.

Guidelines for Nominations:

- Nominee must meet all criteria;
- Nominate no more than two candidates;
- Nominee is not required to be from your state.

**Nomination Deadline:
December 18, 2016**

Criteria for Nominations:

1. Involved in state leadership, past or present;
2. Attended at least two OAA State Leadership Conferences;
3. Promoted the advancement of opticianry in his/her own state or other state(s);
4. Must be ABO, NCLE certified, or State Licensed;
5. Must be a member of a state association for a minimum of five consecutive years.

Please complete the following information for each candidate you are nominating and attach a brief synopsis of why this candidate should be named State Leader of the Year for 2017.

Nominee: _____ State: _____

Address: _____

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Address: _____

Your Name: _____ State: _____

I have attached a written justification for the nominees listed above.

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Past Recipients of the State Leader of the Year

- 1994 Tom Hicks, Ohio
- 1995 Curt Duff , Kentucky
- 1996 Diane Krezminsky, Illinois
- 1997 Beverly Heishman, Pennsylvania
- 1998 Thomas Zizka, Michigan
- 1999 Blair C. Wong, Massachusetts
- 2000 Judy Canty, Virginia
- 2001 Thomas Blair, Jr., Georgia
- 2002 Jim Slightom , Kansas
- 2003 Dan W. Sullivan , Massachusetts
- 2004 Lonnie Burrow, Arkansas
- 2005 Jerry Himes, Arkansas
- 2006 Mary Szczerbiak , North Carolina
- 2007 Shirley Earley, Ohio
- 2008 Byron Brentlinger, Kentucky
- 2009 Mark Cloer, Mississippi
- 2010 Pat Kuhl, Ohio
- 2011 Tom Barracato, Ohio
- 2012 Diane Charles, Washington
- 2013 Roxanne Harless, Michigan
- 2014 Donna Hatch, Washington
- 2015 Denyse Gauthier, New Hampshire
- 2016 Dibby Bartlett, Massachusetts