



Honors Nominations Deadline Extended

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Have you started an Honors nomination, or do you have a nomination in mind but need more time for your submission? The Honors Working Group has great news for you! **The [2018 Honors Nominations](#) deadline has been extended to June 11.**

The Honors Working Group would also like to acknowledge all of last year's nominees and awardees. Those of us who are fortunate to serve for this group are keenly aware of all the great work that is being done by all nominees for the betterment of the American Art Therapy Association, its members, and the profession in general. We are also aware, however, that there are so many additional individuals deserving of recognition that go unnoticed due to the limited number of nominations submitted each year.

This is one of the best opportunities to recognize your colleagues for their commitment to art therapy, whether it be through Association work, educating the art therapists of tomorrow, or providing clinical services to those in need. Please consider submitting an [Honors Nomination and full supporting documents](#) in one of the categories below for a deserving peer.

Professional Members of the Association may make nominations for art therapists to be considered for honors for their outstanding contributions to the profession. Please do review the following award categories and nominate those colleagues who best fit the description for each respective award. Be sure to keep in mind that submitted nomination packets should include the Official Honors Nomination Form and full supporting documents as described for each individual award below.

[Honorary Life Member Award \(HLM\)](#): The highest award the American Art Therapy Association can offer to any member. It is conferred upon Professional members of the Association in recognition of major contributions whose broad influence in the field of art therapy justifies the award.

[Distinguished Clinician Award \(DCA\)](#): Differs from the other awards in that the focus is on the nominee's work with clients, rather than on service to the Association or contributions to the field of art therapy in general. The ATCA is conferred upon Professional members of the Association for outstanding service in one of the following categories:

- (a) Adult Services
- (b) Adolescent Services

- (c) Child Services
- (d) Family Services
- (e) General Services

Distinguished Educator Award (DEA): Conferred on a Professional member of the Association in recognition of significant contributions to the education of professionals in the field of art therapy, specifically in the area of outstanding teaching and the development of innovative educational practices.

Distinguished Service Award (DSA): Conferred on a Professional member of the Association in recognition of significant contributions to the field of art therapy, specifically in the area of the Association's internal development as well as its relationship with other organizations.

Jim Consoli Video/Film Award (JCA): Conferred on a member(s) of the Association in recognition of their contribution to the field of art therapy through the completion of a video/film of high quality that adds to the existing fund of knowledge about the profession.

Rudolph Arnheim Award (RAA): A Special Award designated for a non-member of the Association whose contributions have significantly impacted the art therapy profession as a whole.

Other Award: May include, but are not confined to, recognition for long-term, productive involvement in the functions of the Association, outstanding achievements and/or contributions to the field of art therapy, including individuals who have advanced the profession in other parts of the globe. Outstanding therapists who have retired or are approaching retirement may be appropriate recipients. Posthumous awards may be included in this category. "Other Awards" are also meant to recognize meritorious contributions that may be unprecedented.

Please direct all questions and concerns to either myself at honorschair@arttherapy.org or the AATA National Office at info@arttherapy.org.

