



AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Award Nomination Submission Guidelines

To submit a nominee for any of the award categories listed below, the following documentation is required:

- Nominations must be submitted by an OSMA member. Exceptions: nominations for Educator of the Year or Medical Assistant of the Year may be submitted by an employer.
 - A detailed narrative describing the nominee's specific accomplishments, contributions, and impact.
 - The nominee's current CV or résumé, reflecting:
 - Involvement at the state level of OSMA membership
 - Current national MA certification status, must be current
 - Note: Nominees for the Johnny Adamson Service Award must also demonstrate national-level involvement.
 - A minimum of two detailed letters of commendation from, for example, peers, coworkers, employers, or other professional contacts.
 - A completed nomination entry form.
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Medical Assistant of the Year

This award is open to nominations from any OSMA member or employer. It recognizes a medical assistant who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing the profession through professional service, leadership, and dedication.

Outstanding Educator of the Year

This award honors a medical assisting educator who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and achievement in medical assisting education. Nominees should demonstrate excellence through contributions such as:

- A strong commitment to continuing education
- Exceptional support and mentorship of students
- Contributions to medical assisting knowledge (e.g., authorship or significant contributions to medical or health-related textbooks)
- Other notable professional achievements

Johnny Adamson Outstanding Service Award

Established in 2025 in memory of Johnny Adamson, CMA-AC (AAMA), this award honors her lasting contributions at the chapter, state, and national levels. Ms. Adamson, a Life Member of OSMA with more than 50 years of service, was a respected mentor and leader whose impact continues to inspire the profession.

Excellence in Community Service Award

Introduced in 2019, this award recognizes medical assistants who demonstrate exceptional dedication to serving their communities. Recognition may be based on a specific community service project or sustained service efforts. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Health awareness events or walks
- Blood donation drives
- Food drives
- Other health-related community service initiatives

Professional Achievement Award (*in progress*)

This award recognizes members who exemplify professional growth, leadership, and a commitment to maintaining professional competence. It honors individuals whose career paths reflect dedication, perseverance, and excellence worthy of recognition.