**Massachusetts Nurses Association Awards Criteria**

1. **Nurse Excellence Award:** recognizes the nurse that possesses leadership qualities, professional integrity and personal growth/humanitarian characteristics consistent with this special recognition.

***Information to support this nomination: (Address each criterion separately)***

* 1. Functions as a role model for excellence in nursing practice.
	2. Has been a member of MaAOHN for one or more years.
	3. Held offices at the State or local level.
	4. Exhibits strong commitment to Occupational Health Nursing.
	5. Is a positive professional role model.
	6. Demonstrates dedication and persistence to advocating for patients and colleagues.
1. **Profiles in Courage Award:** recognizes the nurse that possesses courage in the face of adversity. He/she demonstrates leadership qualities and faces the challenges in nursing with a strong resolve to improve the quality of health and safety in the workplace.

***Information to support this nomination: (Address each criterion separately)***

1. A leader who alerts and rallies others when their professional rights are threatened.
2. Works tirelessly toward equity for client’s health care.
3. Demands respect by example.
4. Demonstrates leadership in resolving problems.
5. Advocates for clients and colleagues.
6. Projects the ability to recognize and evaluate important causes and assists in bring forth effective solutions.

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1. **Dorothy Reid Lifetime Achievement Award**: recognizes a member for outstanding service to MaAOHN, for dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the field of Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing. The award recognizes years of dedication and service and conveys its recipient lifetime membership status in MaAOHN.

***Information to support this nomination: (Address each criterion separately)***

1. Has performed outstanding service based on client or colleagues need.
2. Member of MaAOHN for one year or more.
3. Service to MaAOHN, regionally or statewide.
4. Contributes to Occupational Health Nursing in a positive professional way.
5. Demonstrates leadership, commitment and participation in local or statewide programs.
6. Held office in MaAOHN or in AAOHN.
7. Community Service
8. **Medique Leadership Award**: this award recognizes our distinguished Occupational and Environmental Health Nurse that possesses a high level of leadership ability. He/she demonstrates initiative, creativity and commitment to not only her patients/clients but also her colleagues.

***Information to support this nomination: (Address each criterion separately)***

1. An active member of MaAOHN for one year or more.
2. Shows initiative in practice, research and system development.
3. Follows through on projects started to provide completion.
4. Motivates herself/himself and others around her/him to raise the level of performance.
5. Creative in the nursing process
6. Communicates and articulates great ideas.
7. Service to MaAOHN.
8. **NortheastAssociation of Occupational Health Nurses (NEAOHN) Conference Grant:** Offers a stipend in the form of a grant to a member who would like financial help in attending the Northeast AOHN Conference Seminar. Seminar costs are assumed by the Northeast Chapter of AOHN.

***Information to support this nomination: (Address each criterion separatel)***

*See criteria on the Northeast website*

The Massachusetts Association of Occupational Health Nurses Board of Directors meets to review candidates and choose a winner, each person nominated will receive a letter from the Board of Directors, and the winners will be notified immediately.

The Medique Award and NEAOHN Conference Grants will be awarded at the NEAOHN conference. All other awards will be given out at the MaAOHN/NECOEM Conference in December at MaAOHN’s annual meeting.

These awards are in recognition of some very special nurses who are being honored for their contributions to the profession of Occupational Health Nursing. Please take the time to complete a packet and return to: marie.palermo@thementornetwork.com Thank you.

**Award Recommendation Form**

I am interested in submitting for consideration by the MaAOHN Awards Committee the names of the individual indicated below for one of the following awards.

\_\_\_\_Nurse Excellence Award \_\_\_\_ Medique Leadership Award

\_\_\_\_Profiles in Courage Award \_\_\_\_Lifetime Achievement Award \_\_\_\_NEAOHN Conference Grants

 (Dorothy Reid)

Nominees for National or Regional awards by AAOHN are requested to obtain the information by accessing [www.AAOHN.org](http://www.AAOHN.org)

Please type or print – do not abbreviate:

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**Name of Nominee Membership Number**

Address City State Zip

Home Phone Business Phone

**Educational Preparation (school, degrees, year):**

**Present Employment:**

**Work History: (If resume not included)**

**Present Offices/Association Activities, if applicable:**

**Past Offices/Association Activities: (Past five years only):**

**Other Professional Community Activities:**

**Statement of the Nominator:** Please provide on a separate sheet, information to support your nomination, addressing each criterion listed under the award for which the individual is being nominated.

Signature of the Nominator Home Phone

Address Work Phone

City/State/Zip AAOHN Membership Number

Please Note: ***The nominator must have obtained the nominee’s permission to submit the nomination.***

THE NOMINATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: (Please verify that each item listed below has been included with this form).

1. \_\_\_MaAOHN Award Recommendation Form.
2. \_\_\_Resume/work history of nominee.
3. \_\_\_One letter of support from the nominator, stating why this person qualifies for the award, giving examples of how the nominee meets the award criteria.

(**Please limit to 150 words s**ee attached criteria for each award **and address each criterion separately if possible**).

Nominations must be accompanied by the required information listed above. Materials may not be sent separately. Incomplete nominations will be returned to the nominator.