

**OHIO LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION
PARAMETERS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

General Description:

The OLTA Meritorious Service Award is intended to recognize persons who have provided outstanding contributions over many years to the title insurance industry in Ohio and/or the Ohio Land Title Association. It is intended as a high honor of the Association to those who do not qualify for its highest honor, Honorary Life Membership, but who have otherwise provided significant contributions. This great honor is not given lightly. (The Meritorious Service Award and Honorary Life Membership award are not mutually exclusive. That is, a person may receive the Meritorious Service Award and still be eligible for the Honorary Life Member Award if he or she otherwise meets the requirements.)

Nominations:

Candidates for the OLTA Meritorious Service Award may be proposed by:

Honorary Life Membership (HLM) Committee. In the course of discussing and evaluating potential candidates for Honorary Life Membership, it may be determined that some candidates do not qualify for HLM. These people, while not qualifying for HLM, have, nevertheless, demonstrated commitment to the title industry and/or to the Association and otherwise satisfy the qualifications outlined herein.

Board of Trustees

Any OLTA Member

Nominations should be submitted to the Honorary Life Membership Committee who shall discuss all nominations and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Nominees shall be forwarded to the Board for approval. Members of the Honorary Life Membership Committee are eligible to submit nominations similar to any current OLTA member by the designated deadline. If no nominations are received by the deadline, an award will not be given that year.

Requirements:

To be eligible for the OLTA Meritorious Service Award, a person must:

1. Have provided significant contributions, over a sustained period of time, to the title insurance industry in Ohio and/or the OLTA in the form of leadership, teaching (including seminar speaking), writing, mentorship, volunteerism in support of the industry and/or the Association, promotion of the interests of the industry and/or the Association, or otherwise have a substantial record of support to the industry and/or OLTA.

2. Have been engaged in the title insurance business or otherwise employed in the title insurance industry or in a related field in support of the title insurance industry and/or OLTA for at least 20 years.

Award Presentation:

Not more than one (1) Meritorious Service Awards may be presented in any given year unless extraordinary circumstances exist. Extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the Board of Trustees. The Award is not required to be given every year. If there is a year where there are no nominees who meet the requirements, then no Meritorious Service Award shall be presented. If two awards are given, balance should be maintained with respect to the aspect of the industry where the recipients work whether it be underwriter, agent, affiliate member and other contributor.

The Board of Trustees may elect a person meeting all of the above qualifications as a Meritorious Service Award recipient by a favorable vote of at least three-fourths of those present and voting at a meeting of the Board.

The Meritorious Service Award shall be presented to each recipient during the Inaugural Banquet at the OLTA Annual Fall Convention. The presentation shall include a summary of the recipient's contributions to the title insurance industry and/or the Association.