

# OEA Blue Ribbon Association Award

## 2021–2022 Nomination Guide

The OEA Blue Ribbon Association Award recognizes a local affiliate of the Ohio Education Association for its demonstration of innovative work related to OEAs three strategic priorities. Those priorities are:

1. Build local capacity to be more relevant to members.
2. Educate and organize members to build support for quality public education.
3. Build OEA as a member resource for professional issues.
4. Educate and organize OEA and its members to advocate for racial, social, and economic justice.

Local associations presented with the Blue Ribbon Award have shown themselves to be true advocates of public education and its employees. Recipients will receive a monetary award in the amount of \$1,000.

Recipients of the OEA Blue Ribbon Association Award will be honored at the OEA Spring Representative Assembly.

**Current members of the OEA Board of Directors and association staff members are not eligible for this scholarship. In addition, OEA Awards and Scholarship Committee Members are not eligible for two years after completion of service on the committee to apply or to be nominated.**

For additional information, please contact Awards by emailing to: [awards@ohea.org](mailto:awards@ohea.org)

**NOTE:** The completed online nomination form must be received on or before **February 28, 2022**. Late applications will not be considered.

All applicants will receive notification of receipt of his/her application. The finalists may receive an interview request at the discretion of the committee. **Only complete applications will be considered. The OEA Awards and Scholarship Committee reserves the right to present no award or to refer an applicant to another award or scholarship.**

## OEA Blue Ribbon Association Application Checklist

Your online application must be received on or before February 28, 2022. **Only complete applications will be considered.** Please read the application carefully and be sure that you meet the criteria for this award.

### Checklist to Be Completed

- Yes, I am a unified member of the Ohio Education Association/NEA for 2021-2022.
- I have read the online application and I believe that the nominated local association meets all of the criteria for this award
- I have signed the completed online application.
- My local President or Vice President has been notified of my application.
- My application includes one letter of recommendation.
- My application includes a narrative statement of 1000 words or less.
- I have not previously received this award.

*Encouraged but not required...*

- My application includes additional information or evidence that will assist the committee in their decision process. Supporting documents may include but are not limited to printed articles, awards, recognitions, brochures, agendas, correspondence, websites, photos, etc. **\*\*Attachments are limited to 10 pages.\*\***

Your application must be by February 28, 2022. **Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

---

# 2021–2022 OEA Blue Ribbon Association Award

## *Nomination Guide*

Application to be completed online at [www.ohea.org/scholarships-grants-awards](http://www.ohea.org/scholarships-grants-awards)

**Once you begin the application you will not be able to save it until it is submitted. For this reason, it is recommended that you complete the long answer questions in a separate Word document first and then copy and paste your answers into the online form when ready.**

Nominated Association \_\_\_\_\_ Local President \_\_\_\_\_ District Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_ OEA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My Local President or Vice-President has been notified of my application.

The Ohio Education Association has three strategic priorities that guide the work of local associations and the OEA Board of Directors. They are:

1. Build local capacity to be more relevant to members.
2. Educate and organize members to build support for quality public education.
3. Build OEA as a member resource for professional issues.
4. Educate and organize OEA and its members to advocate for racial, social, and economic justice.

### **Narrative**

Why do you feel this association should receive this award?

Please include a narrative statement of **1000 words or less**, describing how this local association performs their work in the context of at least **ONE** of the four strategic priorities listed above. Your narrative must provide clear connections to the strategic priority that you choose, demonstrate how the work of this local association has made an impact, and must include outcomes that are connected to the chosen strategic priority and the described impact. Please give specific examples of the local's contributions and activities in the specified areas.

Note: All applications submitted to OEA will be evaluated on the basis of the criteria stated on the online application form. Online application must be received by **February 28, 2022**.

## **Questions or Concerns?**

Please contact us at [awards@ohea.org](mailto:awards@ohea.org).



OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
Awards and Scholarship  
Committee

614-227-3078

Toll free in Ohio 800-282-1500 ext. 3078

[www.ohea.org](http://www.ohea.org)

An affiliate of the National Education Association