



INAUGURAL FORCE 50 FOUNDATION VETERAN SERVICE AWARDS

Brought to you in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, Oklahoma Veterans Pilot Project, University of Central Oklahoma and LifeSpring.

Thank you for considering honoring corporations, organizations and individuals that have distinguished themselves in the service of Oklahoma veterans. Included in this application are the award categories and the criteria for each award. Self-nominations are welcomed.

Deadline for nominations and award summary is April 22, 2018. We invite, as our guest, the award winner and one guest to the May 10th event. Winners will be notified no later than May 4th. Thanks for participating and Good Luck!

NOMINEE

Nominee Name/Organization: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

SUBMITTER

Submitter Name/Organization: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

DESCRIPTION

Briefly describe how you or the nominee has supported our veteran's community i.e., employment, donations, health care services, education, etc.



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AWARD SUMMARY

Please limit to 250 words maximum and no more than 3 attachments/PDF's such as brochures, fliers, photos

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Small Corporate** – less than 100 employees
- Large Corporate** – more than 100 employees

- Small Non-Profit** – less than \$1M in contributions
- Large Non-Profit** – more than \$1M in contributions

- State Agency**

- Small Veteran Friendly Community** – population less than 50,000
- Large Veteran Friendly Community** – population more than 50,000

- Small School Higher Education Service Award** – less than 360 student Veterans enrolled
- Large School Higher Education Service Award** – more than 360 student Veterans enrolled

- Private Sector Health Care Service Award**

- Legislator Distinguished Service Citation**
- Non-Legislator Distinguished Service Citation**

- George Nigh Lifetime Achievement Award**

- Oklahoma Medal of Freedom** (awarded by Oklahoma National Guard)



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UNIVERSAL AWARD CRITERIA (applies to all award categories)

- Individual or Organization is registered/accredited/licensed by the appropriate entity for their sector or profession if applicable. (e.g. Non-Profit registered with Secretary of State, Health Care Provider licensed by OSDH or State Board)
- Level of community involvement by Individual or Organization
- Veteran friendly hiring/employment/volunteer practices by public/private/NGO Organization
- Level of participation/communication with Veteran resources outside the Individual or Organization (participation in community service provider networks)

SPECIFIC AWARD CRITERIA (applies to individual awards as noted)

- **Small and Large Corporate**
 - Formal Veteran recruitment and hiring practices and programs
 - Veteran Employee Groups/Associations
 - Community service project and programs that impact Veterans
 - Organization has someone on their senior leadership team (executive sponsor) that leads Veteran strategies.
 - Organization provides support for their Guard and Reserve employees (ESGR)
- **Higher Education Service Award**
 - Military Times ranking criteria (Brad Ward)
- **State Agency Award**
 - Veteran specific programs and outreach
- **Veteran Friendly Community Award**
 - Level of organization and collaboration of community service providers