**NOMINATION FORM**

**AOA Distinguished Service Certificate**

**PURPOSE OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CERTIFICATE**

The Distinguished Service Certificate is the American Osteopathic Association’s (AOA) highest honor. It is awarded annually to deserving physicians or lay individuals for outstanding accomplishments in advancing the science and art of osteopathic medicine, education, philanthropy, or other fields of public service.

The award will be made on the basis of outstanding achievement by an individual. Preferential consideration will be given to those individuals whose service has been to or through the osteopathic medical profession. This award recognizes contributions to the overall profession, rather than regional or local efforts. Recognition by such certification should, in general, be awarded because of outstanding contribution to the understanding and advancement of osteopathic medicine through research, education, financial aid, or other areas that enable the profession to make a greater contribution to public health.

**No current elected officer of the AOA or its affiliate organizations shall be eligible during his/her term of office to receive a Distinguished Service Certificate**. No more than three Distinguished Service Certificates may be awarded in a given year.

**CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY**

The criteria for selection of these outstanding nominees shall include one or more of the following:

* Contribution to the advancement of the osteopathic medical profession;
* Contribution to the art and science of osteopathic medical education;
* Contribution to the osteopathic profession through research; and/or
* Contribution to the osteopathic profession through philanthropic leadership.

**AWARD**

The recipients will be presented with their Certificates and recognized for their accomplishments during AOA Annual Business Meeting. The recipient will receive travel reimbursement to cover round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations (one-night stay). The AOA is not responsible for expenses for any guests/family.

**NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

The **following must be sent to Abraxas Thomas**, at 142 East Ontario Street, Chicago IL 60611, or [athomas@osteopathic.org](mailto:athomas@osteopathic.org):

* Completed Nomination Form (either handwritten or typed);
* A curriculum vitae of the nominee; and
* A letter of recommendation from the nominating affiliate’s Governing Board (state osteopathic medical association, osteopathic specialty society, college of osteopathic medicine, and/or nonpractice affiliate).

**Nominations must be received by Friday, September 15, 2017.**

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Nomination Submitted by:

Name

Title / Organization

Mailing Address

City State Zip code

Telephone Email Address

(1) Nominee for Award:

Name

Title / Organization

Mailing Address

City State Zip code

Telephone Email Address

(2) Biographical Statement about Nominee (please also include the nominee’s curriculum vitae):

(3) Rationale for Nomination (please indicate the reasons your nominee should receive the Distinguished Service Certificate):