



# Excellence Awards



## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS | DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

OPTA is seeking nominations for the OPTA Excellence Awards 2024 to be presented on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 during the OPTA Excellence Awards Luncheon.

The Excellence Awards Luncheon will be hosted on Tuesday, November 19th in conjunction with the Ohio Needs Transit Conference & OPTA Expo 2024 which will be held at the Hilton Columbus Downtown and Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

The past year continued to provide unique challenges to all who work within public transit as well as those stakeholders that support the industry. However, public transit saw many positive changes in the way of policy and funding.

We encourage the leadership of Ohio's transit systems to take the time to honor individuals who have demonstrated themselves to be role models and leaders in public transit.

- Award nominations should include recognition of work during the 2024 calendar year.
- Award nominations must be submitted on or before Friday, September 6, 5:00 PM.
- Awards may be submitted using a separate word document.
- Award Nomination can include multiple recipients.
- If you are submitting in more than one category, separate nomination forms must be submitted.
- Submissions must be fully complete and include facts and statistics in telling the story of the nominee's achievements.
- Additional materials such as photos and media articles can be submitted with the nomination form.

### Return Nomination Form to:

Elle Crader | Administrator | [admin@ohioneedstransit.org](mailto:admin@ohioneedstransit.org)

For More Information or Questions, Contact: Elle Crader | [elle@chwadvisors.com](mailto:elle@chwadvisors.com) | 937.537.0625

Leonard Ronis Award	Awarded to one recipient for noteworthy accomplishments in the field of public transit.
Mobility Manager	Awarded to a Mobility Manager whose advocacy, innovative collaborative efforts and dedicated public service best represents the spirit and professionalism of mobility management.
Legislator of the Year	Awarded to one elected official who has advanced the improvement of public transit statewide.
Under Forty Rising Stars	Awarded to transit professionals and stakeholders under the age of 40 to celebrate the future of transit in Ohio. Nominations will be judged based upon achievement in transit and leadership within their specific communities.
Milestone Award	Award recognizes individuals or transit agencies reaching significant milestones in the transit industry. Milestones can be very diverse and could include an individual who has given a significant number of years of service or has implemented a system-wide program that has had a major impact.
Collaborative Excellence	The OPTA Collaborative Excellence award recognizes a program, business, academic institution or individual which has demonstrated an exemplary partnership or an innovative collaboration within the public transit industry for a sustained period of three months or more.
Community Impact	Awarded to any transit employee who has had a significant impact within a community. Examples include, but not limited to, a heroic act while in the line of duty or organizing an employee food drive for less fortunate individuals.
Lifetime Achievement	Awarded to one recipient for noteworthy accomplishments in the field of public transit



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## **AWARD:**

Nominator Contact Information:

Name

Title

Organization

Email

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Nominee Contact Information:

Name

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***Why is your nominee deserving of the above award? Please include any additional outside materials that may be relevant.***