STAFF RECOGNITION PROGRAM

This program institutes staff recognition for outstanding performance beyond standard job expectation in effort and achievement, service, innovative ideas and contribution towards the success of a project, unit, college or University.

ELIGIBILITY

• Employment classifications:
  • University Staff (administrative, research, technical)
  • Ineligible: Faculty, graduate students, student employees
• Two Nomination Maximum: Staff may submit a maximum of two nominations per year/per recognition category (as applicable).
• Nominee has completed probationary employment period (as applicable) and one-year satisfactory job performance.
• Nominee demonstrates at least three qualities under "Examples of Exemplary Performance" listed below.

NOMINATION PROCESS

• Nominations are accepted year-round.
• Complete a nomination form:
  • ONLINE: www.optics.arizona.edu/staff-recognition
  • Electronic confirmation of receipt is sent to the nominator.  
  • Electronic notification is sent to the nominee upon verification of eligibility requirements.
• Nominations are reviewed by the Staff Recognition Committee.
• Selection factors include number and quality of nominations, impact of basis of nomination and outcome of employee's action.
• Recipients are spotlighted in the OSC Watts Up! newsletter.

RECOGNITION CATEGORIES

1) SPOT RECOGNITION
Instantaneous recognition of employees performing over and above standard job expectation in management of a specific task(s); as observed by managers and supervisors

• Spot Recognition nominations are submitted by managers/supervisors only. Input from faculty and staff is encouraged by way of communication with employee's manager/supervisor.
• Spot award nominees are reviewed monthly by the Staff Recognition Committee.
• Factors affecting recipient selection include impact of Spot Recognition and impact of action.
• 24 Spot Recognitions are issued annually/two per month.

DEADLINE: Monthly, at end of month
AWARD: $50

2) PEER-TO-PEER RECOGNITION
Consistent exemplary performance in peers’ day-to-day activity, initiative, service, innovative ideas, achievement and collaborative efforts; as observed by peers.

• Nomination is submitted by peers.
• Cross recognition is encouraged. Classified Staff may recognize University Staff and vice versa.
• Administrative, research and technical staff may nominate peers outside their employee classification, work unit and report structure.
• Nominator provides written description of nominee's outstanding performance and brief examples of qualities identified from "Examples of Exemplary Performance" listed below.
• Nominations are reviewed quarterly by the Staff Recognition Committee.
• Staff is eligible for selection twice a year.
• Nominees not selected in the quarter nominated are eligible the next quarter.

DEADLINE: March 1, June 1, September. 1, December 1
AWARD: $250 (issued through payroll)
3) STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
• All Peer-to-Peer and Spot Recognition recipients are automatically eligible for Staff Employee of the Year.
• Staff Employee of the Year is determined by the Staff Recognition Committee, factoring in number of Peer-to-Peer recognition nominations received throughout the year and the impact of Spot Recognition actions.
• An alternate winner may be selected in case of unforeseen circumstances.
**AWARD:** $1,000 (issued through payroll)
**HONORABLE MENTION:** $500 (issued through payroll)

4) YEAR-END STAFF RECOGNITION EVENT
• Employee of the Year will be announced at the year-end staff recognition event, along with all recognized employees nominated that year.

**EXAMPLES OF EXEMPLARY STAFF PERFORMANCE**

**INNOVATIVE IDEAS OR CONTRIBUTES TO SUCCESS OF A PROJECT:**
• Consistently reaches out to collaborate with peers on projects to enable advances in research, administration and academic programs.
• Develops or initiates original and/or high-impact ideas and processes that facilitate or promote advances in administration and research.
• Shows exceptional engagement in activities that support instruction, academia, research or service.

**OUTSTANDING EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THE WORKPLACE:**
• Regularly performs beyond standard expectation.
• Consistently produces high-quality work.
• Goes the extra mile to complete a task and/or takes on heavier workload than peers.
• Assists when unit is short-staffed or a project requires additional support.
• Volunteers for special projects or events.
• Contributes towards efficiency and effectiveness of workplace operations.
• Improves utilization of resources and reduction of waste.
• Integrates information, procedures or equipment to improve office or unit efficiency.

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO UA, OTHER EMPLOYEES OR VISITORS:**
• Offers outstanding first impression resulting in positive attention to the college and University community.
• Performs in an exceptionally courteous and cooperative manner at all times.
• Demonstrates and encourages a supportive team-oriented environment.
• Participates on committees and proactively contributes to achieve goals.
• Contributes towards development, opportunities, improved skills and abilities in others.
• Makes special effort to recognize excellence of others.
• Assists others to achieve their assigned responsibilities and goals.

**FULL PROGRAM DETAILS:** www.optics.arizona.edu/staff-recognition