

Call for Nominations for OSA's 2024 Annual Awards

The Oromo Studies Association (OSA) is calling for nominations to honor the exceptional individuals who have significantly contributed to the fields of Oromo studies, culture, and the arts. We are looking for those who exemplify the essence of Oromummaa and have demonstrated a commitment to advancing our understanding and appreciation of Oromo heritage.

We invite you to nominate candidates for the following awards:

1. **OSA Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award honors an individual whose enduring commitment has significantly enriched Oromo studies. Nominees should have a history of research, publication, and presentation that has illuminated aspects of Oromo knowledge, contributing to the literature, history, culture, or other fields over a considerable period. Their work should be original, impactful, and align with the vision and mission of OSA.
2. **Distinguished OSA Award:** This award honors an individual, group, or institution that has made significant financial, scholarly, or service contributions to OSA and the broader Oromo studies community. The recipient(s) will have demonstrated exceptional dedication to advancing OSA's mission through various means, including but not limited to publications, presentations, and the provision of resources.
3. **Outstanding Student Award:** OSA seeks to recognize a student who has shown remarkable achievement in Oromo studies. Eligible candidates include those currently enrolled in an educational institution or within three years post-education, who have contributed significantly through scholarship, leadership, service, or creative work. The ideal candidate will display maturity, dedication, and the potential for ongoing contributions to the field.

The nomination deadline is June 30, 2024. Please submit your nominations with a supporting letter detailing how the nominee meets the award criteria.

Send your nominations to:

- For the OSA Lifetime Achievement Award: OSA Board Chair, Professor Getahun Benti at benti@siu.edu
- For the Distinguished OSA Award and Outstanding Student Award: OSA President, Dr. Kebede Feda at oromostudiesassociation@gmail.com

For more information and detailed guidelines for each award category, please visit our website, <https://oromostudies.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/OSA-Award-Guidelines.pdf>.

We look forward to your participation in recognizing the luminaries of Oromo studies.

Best regards,

Oromo Studies Association