



*Nominations for the 10th Annual Oticon Focus on People Awards are judged by an independent panel of leading hearing care professionals from across the country.*

#### **WHAT THE JUDGES LOOK FOR...**

**Hearing Loss** – Any level of hearing loss qualifies. Our judges like to see a range of nominees with hearing loss from mild to moderate to more severe. Please note one exception: nominees to the practitioner categories don't have to be hard of hearing people.

**What have they accomplished?** Our judges look for accomplishments in our nominees just as they would in any outstanding person. A special category – **Advocacy** – honors those whose contributions are primarily in the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

Contributions of nominees for the remaining four categories can be in a broad range of community, civic and social areas.

**What makes the nominee special? What has he/she done to catch your attention?** This is subjective so don't be afraid to speak from the heart. Consider asking the nominee to provide a brief letter or other documents that describe his/her achievements to submit with your nomination form.

**How does this person show others that hearing loss does not limit a person's ability to live a full, productive and even, inspiring life?** This is the final question our judges ask in evaluating each nomination.

#### **How to Enter**

All nominations must be postmarked by **June 30, 2007**. You can photocopy and enter as many nominees as you like. We encourage you to nominate all of the outstanding hard of hearing people you know. All will receive a Certificate of Recognition from Oticon.

Send nominations to:

**Oticon Focus on People Awards**  
**c/o Nancy Palmere**  
**Oticon, Inc.**  
**29 Schoolhouse Road**  
**Somerset, NJ 08873**

A printable version of this nomination form is available on the Internet at [www.oticonusa.com](http://www.oticonusa.com). Please complete & fax to 1-732-868-6909.

**Student** - for young people with hearing loss, ages 6 - 21 who are full-time students

**Adults** - for people with hearing loss, ages 21 and above

**Advocacy** - for adults with hearing loss, ages 21 and above who are actively involved in advocacy or support efforts for the hard-of-hearing and deaf community (full-time students in advocacy apply for Student category)

**Practitioner** - for hearing care professionals who are currently in practice

**Pediatric Practitioner** - for pediatric hearing care professionals in school or clinical settings

#### **Categories**

#### **Winning Nominations**

Three winners in each category will be announced at the Oticon Human Link Conference in September, 2007. First place category winners receive a \$1000 award and a \$1000 donation by Oticon to the not-for-profit cause of their choice. Second place winners will receive \$500 and third place winners will receive \$250. All nominees, regardless of whether they are selected as category winners, will receive a Certificate of Recognition.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Home or Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Home or Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (check one):

- Student     Adult     Advocacy     Practitioner     Pediatric Practitioner

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly tell us about the nominee's hearing loss.

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List some of your nominee's accomplishments. If you have additional information, please attach; such as letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, etc. Don't send original copies, we can't return them.

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In your opinion and in your own words, tell us why this nominee is extraordinary.

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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_