



**ADJUNCT
OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD**

2026 Criteria and Nomination Procedures

The Outstanding Adjunct Educator Award honors outstanding performance during the academic year preceding the annual Trends in Occupational Studies Conference. Adjunct faculty from career and technical programs are eligible. One award will be given each year to an adjunct faculty nominee determined to be the “most outstanding” based upon evaluation by a panel of reviewers.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:

Submit nominations in essay form following the criteria listed below. Nominations must be typed, a maximum of two (2) pages, double spaced. The readers will review the nominations and assign points for each of the following criteria as indicated. **To insure anonymity, please do not include the faculty or the college name in the nomination.**

The criteria used in evaluating nominations are as follows:

1. **EXCELLENCE WITHIN THE CLASSROOM** – This content category recognizes outstanding teaching practices in the classroom. Examples include the use of innovative teaching methodologies and technologies; and development or promotion of teaching practices within the college to improve learning, student performance, and outcomes. 70 points maximum.
2. **PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS** – This area recognizes faculty professionalism and dedication to their area of teaching. Examples of professional engagement include: contributions to the profession, professional association activities, professional publications, and the completion of specialized training or professional development to maintain competency in one’s discipline. 20 points maximum.
3. **SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AND/OR COMMUNITY** – Lastly, we wish to recognize their contributions to the college and/or community. These contributions extend beyond the individual’s area of teaching. Examples would include involvement on college committees, community organizations, and similar non-teaching responsibilities. 10 points maximum.

NOTE: At a minimum, nominees must have been adjunct faculty during the previous four (4) semesters which may include summer. The college's MODAC representative will determine nominee eligibility prior to forwarding the nomination(s) for scoring. Each college may nominate up to three (3) adjunct faculty for this award.

[The Outstanding Educator Nomination Form](#)

Nominations are due by June 30, 2026.