



Breaking Barriers Award

Outstanding contributions to a *Committee* – in the last two years.

https://oamr.org/breaking_barriers

Nominated by OAMR committee chairs.

DUE: August 4, 2026

The Breaking Barriers Award (BBA) formally recognizes and honors an OAMR member who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, significant contributions, and outstanding work on one or more OAMR committee. This award celebrates individuals who go above and beyond in their committee responsibilities, positively impacting the association's goals and initiatives.

Qualifications:

1. **Eligibility** – Any OAMR member in good standing is eligible to receive the BBA, except for the current president and vice president. “In good standing” means a fully paid member. This award specifically recognizes contributions made during the current or immediately preceding OAMR fiscal year.
2. **Criteria for Evaluation** – Nominees will be evaluated based on their contributions to an OAMR *committee*:
 - a. **Impact:** The significance and positive effect of the nominee's work on the committee's goals, projects, or overall effectiveness.
 - b. **Initiative:** Demonstrating proactive engagement, identifying needs, and taking ownership of tasks or projects within the committee.
 - c. **Collaboration:** Working effectively with other committee members, fostering a positive and productive team environment.
 - d. **Innovation:** Introducing new ideas, approaches, or solutions that benefited the committee's work.
 - e. **Dedication:** Consistent commitment, reliability, and willingness to go the extra mile in fulfilling committee responsibilities.
 - f. **Leadership:** Providing guidance, motivation, or support to the committee and its members.
3. **Nominations** – Award nominations are only accepted from OAMR committee chairs. Any association member may submit a confidential nomination to the president. Nominations must include the following information:
 - a. Nominator's name and contact information.
 - b. Nominee's name, city or agency, contact information, and the OAMR committee(s) on which they demonstrated outstanding work.
 - c. A written description of the nominee's contributions to an OAMR committee that clearly articulates how the nominee's committee work was outstanding.

Nominations are due **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**, and should be emailed to OAMR President Scott Stauffer at stauffers@milwaukieoregon.gov.



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- 4. Selection Process** – The current OAMR president will select the recipient(s) of the BBA from the nominations submitted by the deadline. The selection of award recipients will be the president's decision alone – there may be years in which there are no BBA recipients. The president has the final decision.
- 5. Recognition** – The BBA will be presented at the OAMR annual conference. Award recipients will receive a plaque and one complimentary registration for the following year's annual conference (non-transferable).

Questions about this award may be submitted to:

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