

DESCRIPTION OF THE PY 2001 NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Award Categories

- Outstanding National Contribution
- Outstanding Safety and Health Program
- Achievement - Centers
- Achievement - Outreach and Admissions Providers
- Achievement - Career Transition Services Providers
- Most Improved Job Corps Center

The descriptions below demonstrate how each award category highlights distinct areas of excellence that are deemed critically important to Job Corps' overall success as a national program. The National Director will make all final award decisions.

Outstanding National Contribution

This award category acknowledges a special programmatic contribution that has national impact on the entire Job Corps system. Eligible organizations include a range of Job Corps stakeholders; however, it is important that the contribution be significant with system-wide impact. Nominations for this category will be solicited from regional offices.

Outstanding Safety and Health Program (One Per Region)

The Outstanding Safety and Health Program award acknowledges programs that have substantial positive impact on a center's safety and health environment. There will be one award recipient per region. A committee comprised of safety and health experts from Job Corps, OASAM, and OSHA will determine award criteria and select nominees. Sources of information for award nomination will include:

- number of deficiencies cited in annual safety reviews;
- timeliness of abatement;
- the reduction of accidents, injuries, and illnesses; and,
- overall safety ratings derived from Student Satisfaction Surveys.

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Achievement - Centers

This award category acknowledges exemplary performance by a center. It will be a three-tier award. Top performers will receive recognition as “outstanding achievers,” second-tier centers will be acknowledged as “effective performers,” and third-tier awardees will receive “honorable mention.”

Award decisions will primarily be based on overall OMS ratings. However, other measurements will also be considered such as On-Board Strength, weekly terminations, quality ratings, Student Satisfaction Survey data, and center financial data (to determine if the center operated within the bounds of reasonable budget parameters). Basing the award primarily on overall OMS will ensure that key CDSS goals - student commitment, student achievement, and placement quality - are given proper emphasis. Where appropriate, partnering organizations, such as subcontractors and NTCs, that are instrumental in supporting a center’s exemplary performance should also be acknowledged for their contributions.

Achievement - Outreach and Admissions Providers

This award category acknowledges exemplary performance by Outreach and Admissions providers.

It will be a two-tier award. Top performers will receive recognition as “outstanding achievers,” second-tier awardees will be acknowledged as “honorable mention.” The award will be based primarily on the overall OAOMS rating, meaning award recipients will have exemplary performance in Outreach and Admissions outcome measures. To be considered for an award, operators must meet or exceed their goals for both input and student commitment. Where appropriate, partnering organizations that are instrumental in supporting the OA provider’s exemplary performance should also be acknowledged for their contributions.

Achievement - Career Transition Services Providers

This award category acknowledges exemplary performance by Career Transition Services providers. It will be a two-tier award. Top performers will receive recognition as “outstanding achievers,” second-tier awardees will be acknowledged as “honorable mention.” The award will be based on the overall POMS rating, meaning award recipients will have exemplary performance in Career Transition Period outcomes, including placement of graduates and former enrollees and high levels of compensation within their respective labor markets. Where appropriate, partnering organizations that are instrumental in supporting the Career Transition Services provider’s exemplary performance should also be acknowledged for their contribution.

Most Improved Job Corps Center (One Per Region)

This award acknowledges dramatic improvement by a Job Corps center based on performance trend data and other information. Regional offices will nominate one center (per region) for consideration of this award.