

## Ed Morris Distinguished Award for Service

### Criteria

This award is presented to an individual in good standing with the APDA, Oklahoma Chapter who has demonstrated meritorious responsibility in the area of **SERVICE** in actively volunteering and exhibiting outstanding leadership by creating innovative projects or enhancing existing projects for the organization, while following all guidelines set forth by the American Parkinson Disease Association as a volunteer. This individual will display a consistent commitment to the motto of the American Parkinson Disease Association to help Ease the Burden. Find a Cure while displaying the characteristics of the Mission of the Oklahoma chapter “to help those with Parkinson’s Disease and their families achieve and maintain a high quality of life, with dignity and hope for the future.”

### Naming of the award

This award is named for the father of it’s first recipient. Ed Morris was born on June 21, 1914. He and his family lived all over the upper Midwest while he worked as a travelling salesman selling a correspondence course for an Art Instruction school. He later retired in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1984 where he lived until he passed away in 1995 after a long struggle with Parkinson’s Disease. This award is named for Mr. Morris because of his family’s commitment to working with the OPDA for so many years. His impact on his family to give service to not only themselves and their 9 children, which would have been a good enough excuse to ‘not have time’, but they chose to give to others as well. Because of that spirit of service in the Morris family, it is with great honor and privilege that we name this award the Ed (H.E.) Morris Distinguished Award for Service.

### Limitations

Nominees are only eligible for this award once every 5 years.