



# 2013 Bias Buster of the Year Nomination Form

**Award Description:** This award is given to the OAC member who has carried out actions to effect change in public perception of weight bias. This individual should be both proactive and reactive in responding to weight bias issues and be an example to others on how to get involved as a Bias Buster.

**Min. Qualifications for Award:**

- OAC member for at least one year
- Must have engaged in Bias Buster issues in the past year
- Must be able to provide examples of engagement in Bias Buster issues
- Recipient is only eligible to receive this award once per lifetime

**Criteria Used for Review:** The winner should be an OAC member who actively engages in tackling weight bias issues and encourages others to get involved and take action. This individual not only should lead the charge in reacting to weight bias, but should also be proactive in spreading awareness of weight bias in the community.

## Information for Individual Nominating the Candidate:

Please check here if this is a self-nomination.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee (*friend, colleague, relative, etc.*): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominee's Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following questions. If extra space is required, additional pages may be attached.

1. What notable Bias Buster issues has this individual tackled in the past year?

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2. What specific actions has this individual taken in tackling the issues that would make them the ideal candidate for the Bias Buster Award?

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3. How does this individual engage others and encourage activism to fight weight bias?

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4. Describe this individual's passion for fighting weight bias.

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*Please attach a brief paragraph on why you think this individual is deserving of the 2013 Bias Buster of the Year Award.*

**Deadline to Submit Nomination: Friday, July 19**

Please return nomination form and paragraph statement to:

Obesity Action Coalition  
Attn: Eileen Blake  
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### **About Last Year's Recipient**

***Rebecca Puhl, PhD  
New Haven, CT***

Last year, we were pleased to honor Dr. Rebecca Puhl with the **2012 Bias Buster of the Year Award**. Dr. Puhl serves as the chair of the OAC's Weight Bias Committee and is the leading expert on weight bias in the country. Under her direction, Dr. Puhl led the creation of the Bias Busters initiative that engages OAC members in raising their voices to combat weight bias seen in our society. With the start of this program, we have seen significant changes and successes in important weight bias issues. Through her extensive research in weight bias, Dr. Puhl is an invaluable resource and continues to be a key driver in the OAC's weight bias agenda.