

WISCONSIN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION AWARDS

WPTA Rookie of the Year Award

Purpose: To recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the physical therapy profession in the areas of clinical practice or service within three years of graduation from an accredited PT or PTA program.

Eligibility:

1. Nominee for the award must be a member of WPTA in good standing
2. Members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible for nomination or consideration for this award.
3. Nominee must have graduated from an accredited PT or PTA program within the past three years.

Criteria for selection: The recipient shall have made notable contributions in one or more of the following areas:

1. Clinical practice
2. Publication of research
3. Service to the WPTA

WPTA Hall of Fame Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have made lifelong contributions to the physical therapy profession as a member of the WPTA.

Eligibility:

1. Nominees for the award must be life or life affiliate members of the WPTA (or meet criteria for same) in good standing.
2. Members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible for nomination or consideration for this award.
3. Nominees must have been a member of the WPTA for at least ten years.

Criteria for selection: The recipient(s) shall have made contributions in at least one of the following areas:

1. Teaching in the clinic, academia, or continuing education
2. Leadership of an academic PT or PTA program
3. Delivery or administration of patient care
4. Publication of research
5. Service to the WPTA

WPTA Mentor Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have influenced and nurtured the development of PTs and/or PTAs in an outstanding or unique manner.

Eligibility:

1. Nominees for the award must be members of the WPTA in good standing.
2. Members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible for nomination or consideration for this award.
3. Nominees must have positively affected the professional development of the PTs and PTAs with whom they are associated.
4. Nominees must have been actively engaged in mentoring activities for at least three years.

Criteria for selection:

1. The nominees' effect on the professional development of other therapists
2. The nominees' excellence as a professional role model

WPTA Award for Clinical Excellence

Purpose: To recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the physical therapy profession in the area of clinical practice.

Eligibility:

1. Nominee for the award must be a member of the WPTA in good standing.
2. Members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible for nomination or consideration for this award.
3. Nominee must have engaged in clinical practice for at least three years.

Criteria for selection: The recipient shall have made high quality contributions in one or more of the following clinical areas.

1. Clinical practice
 - a. Direct patient care
 - b. Development of treatment procedure or protocol in a specific patient population
 - c. Development of critical pathways for specific patient populations
2. Publication of clinical research

WPTA Outstanding Service Award

Purpose: To acknowledge an individual who has made significant contributions to the profession of physical therapy in Wisconsin as evidenced by distinguished and conspicuous contributions in the area of service to the Association and in the areas of education, research, or practice which have been marked by excellence.

Eligibility:

1. Nominee for the award must be a member of the WPTA in good standing.
2. Members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible for nomination or consideration for this award.
3. Nominee must have been a member of WPTA for at least ten years.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Nominee must have rendered meritorious service to the WPTA.
2. Nominee must have done two of the following:
 - a. Performed teaching of notable quality in academia, the clinic, or as part of continuing education, or has shown exceptional leadership in the administration of an academic PT or PTA program.
 - b. Performed and published basic or applied research which furthers the science of physical therapy.
 - c. Demonstrated exceptional leadership in the management of PT services or delivery systems.

WPTA Clinical Instructor of the Year Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence in the clinical education of physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant students.

Eligibility:

1. Nominee must be a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant with a minimum of two year's experience as a clinical instructor.
2. Nominee must be a clinical instructor in a clinical center that affiliates with a Wisconsin PT or PTA educational program.
3. Nominee must be a member of WPTA.
4. Members of the WPTA Board of Directors and WPTA Awards committee are not eligible for nomination or consideration for this award.

Criteria for selection:

1. The nominee's exceptional teaching effectiveness.
2. The nominee's enthusiasm for teaching.
3. The nominee's excellent communication skills
4. The nominee's excellence as a role model for students

Nominations may be submitted by an Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education, a Center Coordinator of Clinical Education, a Clinical Instructor, or a student.

WPTA Physical Therapist Assistant Award of Excellence

Purpose: To recognize a physical therapist assistant who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in clinical practice, community service and personal commitment to the field of physical therapy.

Eligibility:

1. Nominee for the award must be a member of the WPTA in good standing.
2. Members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible for nomination or consideration for this award.
3. Nominee must have engaged in clinical practice for 3 years.

Criteria for selection: Outstanding achievement in the practice of physical therapy and consistent service to the profession beyond that of being a WPTA member as demonstrated by:

1. Promoting the role of the physical therapist assistant through education, practice or research
2. Continuing professional development to optimally practice as a physical therapist assistant
3. Community service and activities that enhance quality of life for others
4. Service to the WPTA

Otto A. Cordero Award for Lifetime Achievement

Purpose: To recognize an individual who has made sustained and significant contributions to the profession of physical therapy and to the Association over the course of his/her career.

Eligibility:

1. Nominee must be a WPTA member in good standing.
2. Nominee must have been a member of APTA for 15 years or more.

Criteria for Selection:

1. The nominee's consistent service in a variety of voluntary, elected, or appointed positions within the WPTA or APTA.
2. The nominee's significant contributions to the profession or the Association while in these positions.

Nature of the Award:

1. A plaque will be presented to the awardee.
1. \$500 shall be contributed to one of the following entities, at the discretion of the awardee, in the awardee's name.
 - WPT Fund
 - WPT-Conduit
 - Foundation for Physical Therapy

PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION:

1. Nominations may be submitted by any WPTA member except for the Clinical Instructor of the Year which may be submitted by an Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education, a Clinical Instructor or a student.
2. A typewritten set of all materials must be received in the Chapter office by January 31st for consideration for the award in the following year. Submitted materials will not be returned.
3. The nominator is responsible for submitting the following documents as a single packet:
 - Nomination form
 - Support statement from nominator
 - Optional: Two letters of support
 - Optional: CV of nominee
4. Current members of the Awards Committee shall not nominate; write letters of support, or endorse members for these awards.

Send all materials to:

Awards Committee Chair
Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association
3510 East Washington Ave
Madison, WI 53704

Procedure for review:

1. The Awards Committee will review the nominations and recommend an appropriate recipient for approval.
2. The decision of the Awards Committee pertaining to the selection of the awardee will be final.

Notification of award:

1. The recipient of the award shall be notified promptly after selection by the Awards Committee
2. The nominators of individuals not selected will receive a letter thanking them for their participation
3. Awards will be presented at the WPTA Spring Conference by the Chapter President and members of the Awards Committee.
4. An appropriate announcement of the award will appear in PT Connections, the WPTA newsletter.

Nature of award:

1. A plaque will be presented to the awardee(s).

Awards Nomination Form

Please print or type all information.

NOMINEE:

Name: _____

Award Recommended For: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

WPTA Membership Category and Inclusive Dates of Membership: _____

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Signature of Nominator

Date

Please submit ONE (1) ORIGINAL COPY of this Nomination Form and the required supporting documents no later than JANUARY 31st. MATERIALS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE AWARDS COMMITTEE. Fax copies will not be accepted.
