

# NPTA Awards

## **CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD – PT**

- I. Eligibility
  - A. The recipient shall be a current member of NPTA.
  - B. The recipient may not be a current member of the Executive Committee.
- II. Criteria
  - A. A physical therapist who is well respected by his/her peers and:
    1. Active in district or state activities,
    2. Demonstrates contribution to physical therapy in one or more of the following areas: education, management, patient care, or research.

## **CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD – PTA**

- I. Eligibility
  - A. The recipient shall be a current member of NPTA.
  - B. The recipient may not be a current member of the Executive Committee.
- II. Criteria
  - A. A physical therapist assistant who is well respected by his/her peers and:
    1. Active in district or state activities,
    2. Demonstrates contribution to physical therapy in one or more of the following areas: education, management, patient care, or research.

## **ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AWARD**

- I. Eligibility
  - A. The recipient shall be a current member of NPTA.
  - B. The recipient may not be a current member of the Executive Committee.
  - C. The recipient's achievement in education, practice, research and service to NPTA is widely known by the general membership or attested to by other NPTA members in leadership positions.
  - D. The recipient shall be one who has made a valuable service contribution to physical therapy and to NPTA by developing quality education experiences that improve the profession of physical therapy through any of the following areas:
    - Academic
    - Clinical
    - Continuing education
- II. Criteria
  - A. The recipient has demonstrated consistent academic service to NPTA members.
  - B. The recipient has performed activities promoting academic achievement and the profession of physical therapy.
  - C. The recipient is active in their community in educational and professional areas.

## **FRIEND OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AWARD**

The aim of this award is to recognize individuals who have given of themselves for the betterment of the physical therapy profession. The individual is not a currently practicing physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

- I. Criteria
  - A. The individual has consistently fostered the development of good health care.
  - B. The contribution(s) of this individual has benefited the physical therapy profession in Nebraska.
  - C. The individual has provided service beyond that prescribed by their position. Service can be in such forms as sharing of expertise or facilitating communication between physical therapy and other health care professions.

## **MARY ELLEN SACKSTEDER AWARD**

Mary Ellen Sacksteder Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Advancement of Physical Therapy.

Nominees must be persons who have engaged in the practice of physical therapy for at least ten (10) years, five (5) of which have been in the State of Nebraska.

Nominees must be members of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Nebraska Chapter.

The personal resume of each nominee must present substantial evidence of major contributions in at least five (5) of the following ten (10) areas of professional practice, service and other achievements:

1. Patient care
2. Administration and supervision
3. Consultation (general or specialized)
4. Education
  - a. Clinical teaching programs for: various categories of physical therapy staff; other health professionals; patients; students of physical therapy educational programs and others.
  - b. Full time faculty
  - c. Part time faculty
  - d. Presenter or expositor in continuing education programs
5. Research (clinical or other)
  - a. In progress
  - b. Completed
  - c. Published
6. Publications
  - a. Journals or textbooks
  - b. Newsletters, brochures, or other miscellaneous editions
7. Professional organizations
  - a. American Physical Therapy Association: elected offices; committees
  - b. Other health organizations: elected offices; committees
  - c. Examining boards
  - d. Patient related organizations, as the arthritis club, stroke club, and others
8. Service clubs, church, and other community organizations and social organizations
9. Public relations
  - a. Programs for community education in health care
  - b. Career education programs
  - c. Promoting the physical therapy profession as in health fairs, TV interviews, and news articles.
10. Miscellaneous
  - a. The production of audiovisual materials for teaching patients, health professionals, students, and others.
  - b. Public service activities as through volunteer work and/or appointments with such as YMCA, Girls Club, Big Brothers/Sisters, and others.
  - c. Honors and awards
  - d. Attainment of recognition for self and profession through accomplishments in extracurricular activities as in sports, art, music, and others.
  - e. Procurement of grants for the funding of professional projects.

## NPTA Policy on Awards

The Nebraska Physical Therapy Association, through its awards, honors eligible individuals whose contributions to the profession or the Association are outstanding, substantial and satisfy the approved criteria for the awards.

The Association's awards provide attention and recognition for the contributions of the recipients and serve to enhance the reputation and public awareness of the entire profession. For individual members so honored, Association awards represent the highest level of peer recognition.

### **Purposes of Awards**

The purposes of Association awards shall be to:

- A. Honor only the most outstanding contributions within each particular category.
- B. Serve as an incentive for the Association's members and components in their achievement of outstanding and substantial contributions to the profession to the Association.

### **Guiding Principles for Awards**

- A. The purpose, eligibility requirements, criteria and procedures for each Association award shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
  1. The purpose of each Association award, including the specified nature of the contribution to be honored by the award, shall be stated clearly and shall not duplicate or overlap the purpose of any other Association award.
  2. The eligibility requirements for each Association award:
    - a. Shall include membership in the Association if the award is to be made to individuals who, by definition in the purpose of eligibility requirements of the award, should be expected to satisfy the *Membership Qualifications Prescribed by the Executive Committee*, for any membership class other than Honorary, and
    - b. Shall exclude from eligibility, during their respective terms or periods of service: members of the Awards Committee.
  3. The criteria for each Association award shall be clear, precise, measurable, related to the purpose of the award, and useful in identifying the highest level of attainment of the contribution to be honored by the award.
  4. The procedures for each Association award shall be appropriate for the purpose, eligibility requirements, and criteria of the award, except that the following procedures shall apply to all awards:
    - a. All Association awards requiring the submission and receipt of nominations of applications shall have a single, common date for the receipt of such nominations and applications, as well as single, common and identified program, unit or individual within the Association's headquarters to which or to whom to direct the nominations and applications.
    - b. The confidentiality of Association awards shall be maintained until the recipients have been notified.
- B. Except where stated explicitly in the title or purpose of an Association award, an award need not be given annually.
- C. The purposes and criteria of Association awards shall be reviewed and evaluated periodically to determine if the criteria are accomplishing the state purposes.
  1. All Association awards shall be reviewed and evaluated periodically to determine if they conform to the Association's Policy on Awards.
- D. Association awards to individuals shall be subject to the following guiding principles:

The granting of an Association award to an individual shall not preclude the individual from being considered for, or being given any other Association award at the same time or at another time.