

POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE OUTSTANDING GERIATRIC PHYSICAL THERAPIST RESIDENT AWARD

Purpose of the Award:

The Outstanding Geriatric Physical Therapist Resident Award would honor a recent geriatric residency graduate in order to recognize the intrinsic value of the postprofessional training, and thereby promote and provide for the development and accreditation of geriatric residency education programs in physical therapy.

Criteria for the award:

Nominees must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be physical therapists who are active members of the APTA and the AGPT at the time of the nomination and selection.
2. Have made distinguished contributions to the profession of physical therapy in the area of geriatrics.
3. Be within 3 years immediately following graduation from a geriatric residency program accredited by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE). This period includes the 1 year preceding the nomination.
4. Be nominated by a representative of an ABPTRFE-accredited physical therapist geriatric residency education program (residency director/coordinator/mentor/faculty member). Self-nominations are not permitted for this award.
5. Be licensed or regulated if required by the jurisdiction where the individual is practicing.

Criteria for Selection

Nominees must have demonstrated:

1. Evidence of current and potential contributions to the physical therapy profession, specifically when working with aging adults.
2. Promotion of ethical standards and professional conduct.
3. Promotion of best practice patterns within clinical practice through teaching, mentoring and scholarly work.
4. Contributions to the profession at the national, state and/or district levels.
5. Dedicated service to the community through activities that enhance quality of life, function and societal well-being for aging adults.

Procedure for Nomination

1. Send ONE PDF file of the nomination packet by email to karen.curran@geriatricspt.org. The nomination packet must be received in the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy office by November 15.
2. Nomination packets MUST include:
 - a. A letter of nomination from an APTA member (from the nominee's residency program director, mentor or faculty member) that addresses the award criteria and criteria for selection, not to exceed 1-2 pages.

- b. A formal resume or curriculum vitae of the nominee which includes biographical information pertaining to major professional activities and accomplishments of the nominee.
 - c. Two additional letters of support, from APTA members, that specifically focus on the strengths of the nominee in relation to the award criteria must be submitted with the nomination packet.
 - d. Graduation certificate from the nominee's program confirming enrollment and successful graduation. This certificate must be included in the nomination package upon submission.
3. If a nominee was not selected for the award, the nominator may resubmit the same nomination packet one time only in the following calendar year with the option of updating supporting documents.

Notification of Award

The award recipient and nominator will be notified promptly after selection by the AGPT's Board of Directors. The nominators of individuals not selected will receive a letter thanking them for their participation.

Nature of Award

An award will be presented to the awardee by AGPT President at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting AGPT Breakfast with Champions: GCS Recognition, Awards and Distinguished Lecture, and an official announcement of the award will appear in an AGPT publication.