

OAHPERD Awards and Honors

Descriptions and Criteria

OAHPERD Honor Award

Criteria

Any member may submit names for consideration for an Honor Award. All nominations must be submitted to the chair of the committee. Resume supporting the nomination must be included. Request nomination forms from chair.

1. Must have served a minimum of ten (10) years in Oklahoma.
2. Must be a member of the National Association in their special field of interest.
3. Must be a member of OAHPERD for five (5) years preceding in the Award.
4. Must demonstrate ethical professional practices.
5. Must show prominence in some of the following:
 - a. Excellence in teaching.
 - b. Outstanding administrative achievement.
 - c. Contribution to research and professional publications.
 - d. Leadership in state, district, and national professional associations.
 - e. Meritorious service within the profession.

**Please return the nominations with an accompanying vitae by June 1, to:
Current Honor Awards Chairperson**

Betty Abercrombie Scholar Award

Criteria

The following criteria will be considered in selecting a candidate:

1. The individual selected must be a member of SHAPE America and OAHPERD.
2. The individual selected should have achieved a commendable record evidenced by creative productivity to enhance the profession of physical education, health, recreation and dance.
3. The individual shall be currently involved in the scholarship of promoting the fields of health, physical education, recreation and dance through various meaningful contributions such as:
 - a. Articles in referred journals
 - b. Scholarly contribution to books
 - c. Scholarly presentations
 - d. Acquisition of grants
 - e. Officer of professional organization
 - f. Major projects
 - g. Professional development
 - h. Development of curricular and instructional activities
 - i. Professional contributions to the profession including Research
4. The individual selected must be willing to assume responsibilities so designated for a period of one year.
5. The recipient of the award is eligible for future nominations.
6. The award will be given at the annual OAHPERD convention.
7. The individual receiving the award will make a presentation at the annual OAHPERD convention, (the year following receipt of the award).

**Please return the nominations with an accompanying vitae by May 1, to:
Current Scholar Award Chairperson.**

Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award

Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year (Grades K-5)
Send nominations by May 1, to: Current Elementary Section Chairperson

Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year (Grades 6-8)
Secondary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year (Grades 9-12)
Send nominations by May 1, to: Current Secondary Section Chairperson

Criteria:

A Physical Educator is defined for the purposes of this award as an individual who has major responsibility for teaching physical education in grades designated for each award. The candidates must have a minimum of (six); years teaching experience at the level designated by the specific award.

In addition, the teacher must be a person who:

1. Serves as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, sportsmanship and sensitivity to the needs of students.
2. Utilizes various teaching methodologies and plans innovative learning experiences.
3. Conducts a balanced and sequential curriculum.
4. Evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state and national physical education organizations.
5. Is a current member of SHAPE America and must attend the SHAPE America Southern District and possibly the National Convention.

OAHPERD Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award

Criteria:

The Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance is seeking nominees for the annual adapted teacher of the year award. For the purposes of this award an adapted Physical Educator is defined as:

1. An individual assigned at least 50% of his/her teaching responsibility in adapted physical education providing direct and/or consultative services to individuals with disabilities age birth to adult.
2. An Individual assigned at least 50% of his/her teaching responsibility in physical education providing appropriate instruction, support and modifications to individuals with disabilities age birth to adult.

The applicant must be a teacher who:

1. Conducts an appropriate physical education program as reflected in the students IEP's and generally accepted standards of practice for APE.
2. Utilizes various teaching methodologies and plans innovative learning experiences to meet the needs of all students.
3. Serves as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, and sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of all students.
4. Participates in professional development opportunities.
5. Current OAHPERD member.

**If you know of an individual who meets these criteria
please send his/her name to:**

Current OAHPERD Adapted Chairperson

Self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged.

Health Educator of the Year Award

Health Education Professional of the Year Award School (K-12) Health Education Professional of the Year Award College/University

Criteria:

The purpose of the Health Education Professional Award is to encourage and recognize outstanding teaching and professional involvement by educators/professionals in the area of Health Education. Request application form from chair.

1. Has major responsibility for teaching, programming, or administering effective health education programs.
2. Has at least five years of experience in the category where they are applying.
3. Serves as a positive role model epitomizing the values and desired outcomes of health education.
4. Utilizes various teaching strategies and incorporates innovative learning experiences based on developmental, social and psychological needs of students and/or clients.
5. Shows interest in and sensitivity to the needs of students, clients and fellow professionals.
6. Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth and evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state and national health organizations.
7. Currently a member of OAHPERD and SHAPE America and must attend the SHAPE America Southern District convention.

Send nominations by May 1, to the current Vice President for Health.

Recreation Professional of the Year Award

Criteria:

A Recreation Professional is defined for the purpose of this award as a person who has major responsibility for teaching recreation pre-professional/professionals of conducting recreation programming and/or administration in an educational, public or private recreations setting. In addition, the individual must be a person who:

1. Serves as a positive role model epitomizing the values and desired outcomes of recreation.
2. Demonstrates enthusiasm for the recreation profession and his/her role in it.
3. Shows interest in, and sensitivity to the needs of students, clients, and fellow professionals.
4. Utilizes various methodologies and implements creative, innovative, safe and effective courses/recreation programs based on: a) the developmental, social and psychological needs of students and clients and b) the philosophies, purposes, needs, and resources of the sponsoring institution.
5. Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth and evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state and national recreation organizations.
6. Currently a member of OAHPERD, SHAPE America, and must attend the SHAPE America Southern District convention.

Send nominations by May 1, to the current Vice President for Recreation.

The Virginia Peters Higher Education Award

Criteria:

The applicant/nominee must be an educator who:

1. Prepares Oklahoma public and private physical education teachers;
2. Oversees, directs, and/or advises student teachers in the field of physical education;
3. Serves as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, and sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of all students;
4. Utilizes various teaching methodologies and plans innovative learning experiences;
5. Is a current OAHPERD member, regularly attends and/or presents at state Conventions/workshops;
6. Is a current member of AAHPERD and NASPE and has attended and/or Presented at Southern District AAHPERD and/or National Conventions.

Nominees shall attach documentation for each of the criteria.

Additionally, a letter of recommendation from a department chair or dean should be attached.

**Please return the nominations with an accompanying vitae by May 1, to:
Current Awards Chair.**