



PTA Outstanding Service Award

Purpose and Criteria for Selection

Established to recognize a federal physical therapist assistant who has provided clinical services for a minimum of 5 years. This award honors individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in the areas of patient care, community service, education, and commitment toward the profession and association.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current member in good standing of the Federal Section of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).
- Been engaged in providing clinical services for at least 5 years under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
- Current members of the awards committee are not eligible and may not nominate, write letters of support or endorse applicants for the award.
- Individuals may receive the award only once in a three (3) year period and only if the “outstanding” contributions are after the previous award.

Criteria:

- Professional contributions made to federal sector physical therapy services.
- Community services and activities that enhance the quality of life and function.
- Exemplifies and promotes the role of the Physical Therapist Assistant through education, practice, or research.
- Promotion of ethical standards and professional conduct among peers, patients, and students.
- Professional development through continuing education, courses, workshops, in-services, etc.
- Ability to inspire patients, peers, or students to perform at, or strive to achieve optimal potential.

Nomination Procedure:

1. Nomination form will be made available to the membership each year.
2. Nominations must be submitted to federalptsection@federalpt.org
3. Nominations must include:
 - Name, address, and telephone (e-mail) of nominee

- Present employment
 - Biographical data – can be in the form of CV
 - Statement containing documentation of contributions and impact on physical therapy within the federal sector
 - 2 letters of recommendation (addressed to Federal Section Awards Committee) who can specifically address one or more of the criteria for selection, not to exceed 2 pages each.
4. Nomination must be submitted prior to published submission deadline.

Selection and Award:

1. Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee.
2. Awards Committee will submit final recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval.
3. The award will be based on merit alone and the decision of the committee will be based on the documentation received in the nomination(s).
4. No more than one award will be granted yearly. This award will be granted only if nominees with contributions of truly outstanding character are submitted. Therefore, the award may not be given every year.
5. Selected award recipient will be notified promptly.
6. The award will be presented at the Annual APTA Meeting during the business meeting for the Federal Section Chapter by the Section President.
7. The award will consist of \$50, a one year membership in FPTA and a plaque presented at the annual business meeting.

Nomination Form

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Active Member of APTA: Yes No Active Member of Federal Section: Yes No

List current chapter activities if applicable: _____

Current Employment:

Company: _____

Address: _____

Supporting Commentary:

Please provide commentary and documentation that will help the Awards Committee to accurately evaluate this application. This information can be provided in a separate attachment or on additional pages.

Disclaimer and Signature:

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name (printed) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____