POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DOROTHY BRIGGS MEMORIAL SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AWARD  BOD Y06-08-02-02 [Amended BOD Y03-05-05-11; BOD 03-04-06-09; BOD 05-02-02-04; BOD 11-98-29-102; BOD 03-97-12-21; BOD 06-96-14-40; BOD 11-94-08-20; BOD 11-92-11-46; BOD 03-89-38-124; BOD 11-79-17-65; BOD 04-79-04-10; BOD 04-78-04-07] [Policy]

History

In 1969, the Dorothy Briggs Memorial Scientific Inquiry Award was established. The award now recognizes student members who have demonstrated the ability to prepare a well conceived, suitably designed, and clearly expressed article published in Physical Therapy.

The award is named in honor of Dorothy Briggs (deceased 1967), who was an outstanding educator and an active investigator at the University of Wisconsin, where she received a doctoral degree in physiology. Dr. Briggs' exceptional contributions to the Association include service as Chairman of the Editorial Board of Physical Therapy, a charter member of the Committee on Research, and a diligent member of the Section on Research. Her professional dedication was unstintingly directed toward the improvement of physical therapy. Through her efforts, a significant number of physical therapists have learned the methods of scientific inquiry. It is fitting to bestow this prestigious award upon physical therapists who have been authors of the most outstanding reports on research in physical therapy undertaken when they were students.

Purpose

To give recognition to a physical therapist member of APTA for an outstanding article in Physical Therapy prepared while a student.

In addition to the information provided in the APTA Board of Directors' Policy and Procedures Regarding APTA Honors and Awards, the following criteria apply to this award:

Criteria for Eligibility

1. Authors of eligible manuscripts must have been APTA members at the time of the manuscript's publication and at the time of nomination. Authors need not have been APTA members at the time of data collection and manuscript preparation.

2. All articles authored and published in Physical Therapy during the current year are eligible, except Literature Reviews, Professional Perspectives, and Clinical Perspectives, provided that the studies were undertaken when the principal author was a student in an educational institution and that the articles to be judged are part of the requirements of the educational program in which the student is enrolled. If the paper has more than one student author, each will be considered a co-winner of the award, if otherwise eligible. If more than one article has been written for a study and these articles were published in the same year, then the primary author can designate that the articles be judged as one article for the purpose of this award. If the...
additional articles have different principal authors then these articles may be considered as separate
candidates for the award.

3. Any manuscript meeting the criteria will be considered if the primary author is eligible for the award, even
when co-authors are not members of the Association.

4. Current members of the APTA Board of Directors and members of the APTA Awards Committee – Publications
Awards Subcommittee are not eligible to be nominated or considered for this award and shall not nominate
or endorse an individual for this award.

Criteria for Selection

The following criteria will apply in judging each eligible article:

1. The article is written clearly and concisely.

2. There is a clear theoretical basis for the paper.

3. The review of literature and other introductory statements provide evidence for the importance of the paper
to physical therapy.

4. Elements in the paper are described with sufficient clarity to permit replication by others.

5. The discussion includes:
   A. conclusions that are confined to the design, methods, and findings of the study;
   B. reference to the research hypothesis and/or question posed and the basis for that hypothesis/question;
   C. the logical and practical relationships of the conclusions to the work of others;
   D. implications of the conclusions for knowledge, decisions, and application in physical therapy;
   E. implications for further research.

4. The paper represents a useful contribution to the knowledge base of physical therapy.

Procedure for Nomination

1. Nominations must be submitted electronically via APTA's website (www.apta.org). All materials completed
and submitted for each nomination must be received by the APTA Honors and Awards Program by 5:00 pm
Eastern time on December 1, for consideration for the award.

2. The nominator is responsible for reviewing and ensuring the completion of all steps and compliance with the
eligibility criteria within the online nomination submission process before its final submission. During the
online process the nominator will need to upload the journal awards eligibility form.

Notification of Award
The recipient(s) of the award will be notified promptly after selection by APTA’s Board of Directors.

**Nature of Award**

A framed certificate will be presented to the awardee(s) by APTA’s Board of Directors at the NEXT Conference and Exposition and an official announcement will appear in an Association publication. (With the recommendation of the Awards Committee - Publications Awards Subcommittee, and at the discretion of the Board of Directors, if a selected article has 2 or more eligible authors, each will be presented with the award.)

(Member Services Department, ext. 8082)

**Explanation of Reference Numbers:**

**BOD P00-00-00-00** stands for Board of Directors/month/year/page/vote in the Board of Directors Minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, BOD P11-97-06-18 means that this position can be found in the November 1997 Board of Directors minutes on Page 6 and that it was Vote 18.