POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APTA HUMANITARIAN AWARD BOD Y07-17-05-09

Purpose of the Award

The APTA Humanitarian Award will recognize association members whose demonstrated leadership and outstanding humanitarian volunteerism have improved the quality of life of individuals throughout the world. This award specifically rewards individuals who embody and apply the compassionate nature of the physical therapy profession by actively expressing a commitment to humanity and exhibiting admirable degrees of selflessness in their efforts to address key health concerns. The endeavors completed by these award recipients will establish a legacy and a sustainable foothold that will yield ongoing value and benefit. Moreover, recognized members will inspire their physical therapy colleagues, their patients, and the public.

Criteria

1. Extraordinary humanitarian services and volunteerism:
   These are activities initiated by physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and/or students of physical therapy, working alone or in association with others, to help improve the quality of life of individuals throughout the world including but not limited to the following:
   - Survivors and/or victims’ families after a significant event such as a natural or person-induced disaster, a national or international incident, a civil war, or a forced migration;
   - A community of any size in which long-term political, economic, social, and/or other circumstances that have caused movement impairments for a substantial portion of that community.

2. Advancement of physical therapy:
   These activities exemplify core values of physical therapy and are applied to actively address major health concerns on domestic and/or international levels.

3. Establishment of legacy:
   These are sustainable activities that benefit humanity; they must demonstrate advocacy for promoting greater quality of life and expansive reach. Activities should be documented and/or implemented through at least two channels (i.e. publications, provision of services, programs), which have influenced these respective areas in durable ways.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be active APTA members in good standing at the time of nomination and selection.
- Detail and record of activity must span a period of at least 1 year preceding the nomination submission for the award.

Required Documents for Submission

- Letter of nomination must detail how the nominee meets all 3 criteria; the letter will not exceed 4 pages in length.
- Two letters of support from individuals external to the author of the nomination letter must detail how the nominee meets at least 2 of the award’s criteria; each letter of support will not exceed 2 pages in length.
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.