POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE MARILYN MOFFAT LEADERSHIP AWARD  

In 2003, the Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award was established to recognize and honor Dr Marilyn Moffat, a member of the American Physical Therapy Association who has made outstanding leadership contributions to both the Association and to the physical therapy profession as a leader, educator, practitioner, and administrator.

Dr Moffat has demonstrated exemplary leadership throughout her career. It was only five years after she received her certificate in physical therapy, that she assumed the position of editor of Physical Therapy and later served as editor of various newsletters and journals. She served on boards of directors at the district, section, chapter, and national levels, including two terms as APTA President (1991-1997), the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Physical Therapy, and on numerous boards outside of the physical therapy community. Her talent for raising moneys for various causes in the profession, including state and national political action committees, the Foundation, Diversity 2000, and minority scholarships, earned her the reputation as an outstanding fundraiser.

During Dr Moffat’s tenure as President of APTA, she spearheaded the development of the Association’s Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, both in its first and subsequent editions.

Dr Moffat served as APTA delegate to the WCPT General Meeting, on the Executive Committee of WCPT as the NACR regional representative, and as a member of the Task Force on the International Definition of Physical Therapy. Dr Moffat currently serves as President of WCPT.

This award acknowledges Dr Moffat’s leadership contributions to the Association and to the physical therapy profession.

Purpose

To acknowledge and honor a physical therapist who has made sustained and outstanding leadership contributions at the component, national, international or community levels, that have had an impact upon the advancement of the physical therapy profession.

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

Nominees must have:

1. Sustained and continuous positive leadership contributions over a period of 15 years or more.

2. Leadership contributions of an exceptional value to the Association and to the physical therapy profession.
3. Current members of the APTA Board of Directors and members of the APTA Awards Committee - Practice and Service Awards Subcommittee are not eligible to be nominated for this award and shall not nominate, write letters of support, or endorse an individual for this award.

Criteria for Selection

Nominees must have:

1. Demonstrated significant leadership that has had a lasting impact on the development and progression of the physical therapy profession.

2. Exhibited leadership contributions that were sustained and continuous over a 15 year period or more.

3. Through their leadership, demonstrated contributions leading to a measurable change, revitalization of an idea resulting in change, or creation of an opportunity for change within the physical therapy profession.

4. Demonstrated exceptional leadership ability within the physical therapy profession through service to their local community, to APTA and its components, or to international physical therapy associations, through elected or appointed groups, appointed or elected positions, or other volunteer capacities.

5. Recognition by peers for their service and contributions to the physical therapy profession and Association.

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 following documents will be required for upload:

   A. Current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee.

   B. A letter of nomination (from the nominator) that specifically focuses on the strengths of the nominee in relation to the award criteria, not to exceed 3 pages.

   C. Two (2) letters of support, not to exceed 2 pages each, obtained from individuals who can specifically address 1 or more of the criterion for selection.

Notification of Award

1. The award recipient and nominator will be notified promptly after selection by APTA’s Board of Directors.

2. The nominators of individuals not selected will receive a letter thanking them for their participation.

Nature of Award

An engraved crystal vase 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.
**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.