



Guide to the APTA Honors & Awards Program

Nomination Process

APTA's Honors & Awards program celebrates the achievement of physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students who have made significant contributions to the profession, their communities, and patient care.

Why nominate?

APTA Honors & Awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of PTs and PTAs across clinical practice, education, research, and service. Your nomination celebrates excellence and inspires the profession. Both members and non-members are eligible to nominate individuals.

Follow the five steps below to submit your nomination.

1. Log in to APTA Achieve

Access APTA Achieve at apply.apta.org with your APTA email and password. Your member credentials provide instant access to the awards platform.

2. Navigate your dashboard

Start your nomination or complete your application. The dashboard guides you through each section of the process.

3. For nominators: Locate your nominee

Use the search tool to find your nominee, submit a nomination statement, and you're done! The system makes it easy to recognize excellence.

For nominees: Complete your application

Once a nomination is initiated, complete the application and provide the supporting materials requested (e.g. CV/resume, requests for support statements, and more).

4. Use the save as draft button

Save your progress throughout the application process. When ready, save as final and resubmit before the cycle ends if updates are needed.

5. Submit before the deadline

The program cycle is Sept. 1 – Dec. 1 annually. Plan ahead and submit early to ensure your nomination is considered.

Programmatic Reminders.

- **Deidentification** – Once a nomination is initiated, both the nominees and nominators are deidentified throughout the entire APTA Honors & Awards process.
- **Word count** – Throughout the nomination and application process word counts are as follows for application items:
 - Nomination statement – 300 words
 - Nominee application questions – 500 words
 - Support statements – 300 words

Key Dates: Program cycle: Sept. 1 – Dec. 1 annually

Application System: APTA Achieve at apply.apta.org (login with your APTA member credentials)

Annual Deadline: Dec. 1

Eligibility: Nominations can be submitted by both APTA and non-APTA members; Nominees must be APTA members; specific requirements vary by award. Visit [APTA.org](https://apta.org) to learn more about all award offerings.

Questions? Email honorsandawards@apta.org with questions or if you need assistance.

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