

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPTER FOUNDERS AWARD

The OPTA Awards Committee is seeking nominations from the membership for candidates for the Chapter Founders Award. This award acknowledges the contributions of those individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding level of commitment and service to the advancement of the physical therapy profession through clinical practice, education, research, public relations and community service.

OPTA CHAPTER FOUNDERS AWARD CRITERIA:

GENERAL: Must have been a physical therapist for a minimum of ten years and a member of the Oklahoma Chapter for a minimum of five years.

1) Professional Expertise:

- a. Clinical: Has demonstrated a high level of expertise in the clinical application of physical therapy providing services in a manner exceeding standards established as acceptable performance. This high quality of care shall have been extended to all patients referred to the candidate and demonstrated on a continuing basis.
- b. Educational: 1) Has demonstrated an ability to transmit knowledge effectively, to instill positive professional attitudes and to stimulate analytical thinking in others. 2) Has demonstrated the ability to instruct patients effectively, and to secure their commitment to a program beneficial to their health.
- c. Administrative: Has demonstrated organizational skills in providing an environment conducive to quality patient care and /or learning atmosphere.

2) Participation in the professional Association: Shall have demonstrated a continuing interest in the development of the profession through active involvement in professional activities and through contributions to the knowledge of physical therapy on the district, chapter, national or international levels through committee appointments, committee chairmanships, offices held, participation in meetings, service on regulatory boards, legislative activities, etc.

3) Commitment to Education: Shall have demonstrated a commitment to education as evidenced by personal participation on continuing education and by active contributions to the education of others such as publications, in services, seminars, lectures, workshops, etc.

4) Public Relations and Community Services: Shall have demonstrated continuing significant contributions to the community by working with health groups, civic groups, city and state boards, commissions, school boards, churches, etc.

5) Research: Shall have demonstrated a willingness to share contributions that have advanced the profession through increased knowledge, development of new techniques, and innovative applications of existing knowledge.

These criteria are stated in broad terms so that contributions of a nominee may fit into one of several areas. Candidates for the award must have made significant contributions in at least THREE (3) of the five areas.

Please complete the nomination form and return by March 1, 2009, to: Cathy Hughes, OPTA Awards Committee, Route 2, Box 265, Sulphur, OK 73086.

OPTA CHAPTER FOUNDERS AWARD NOMINATION FORM
(Please Type)

I nominate the following person for consideration for the OTPA Chapter Founders Award:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

American Physical Therapy Association membership Status: _____

Educational Background: _____

Professional Experience: _____

Attach a detailed description of the contributions made to the profession of physical therapy in the areas of professional expertise, participation in the professional association, commitment to education, public relations, community service, and research. State your opinion of how this person's previously listed contributions have been of service to and influenced physical therapy and the image of the profession.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

In the capacity of _____
(Individual, member, district, officer, other)

Mail your completed nomination form to: Cathy Hughes, Route 2, Box 265, Sulphur, OK 73086

Contact Cathy at 580-622-5269 or cch@brightok.net if you have questions.