

NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING PTA

Oklahoma has many exceptional physical therapist assistants within its borders. In 2000 the membership of OPTA voted to develop a new award to recognize an individual who represents excellence in this professional role. The OPTA Awards Committee is proud to make this call for nominations for this prestigious award. Please review the directions and award criteria below, complete the form, and mail by March 1, 2009 to:

Cathy Hughes, Route 2, Box 265, Sulphur, OK 73086

Nominee Name and Title: _____

Address, City/Zip: _____

APTA Membership Status: ____ # Years APTA Member: ____ # Years OPTA Member: ____

Educational Background: _____

Professional Experience: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

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

General Directions:

Please submit in typewritten form or write clearly.

Nominee must be: 1) a physical therapist assistant with a minimum of ten years experience.

2) a member of the Oklahoma Chapter for at least five years.

The following criteria are state in broad terms. The 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.
- Provide a detailed description of how the nominee's contributions have been of service to the profession. Submit attachments to this form as necessary to adequately describe how this person meets the award criteria.
- **NOMINATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2009**

Criteria:

1) Professional Expertise:

- a. List area(s) of CLINICAL EXPERTISE and tell how the nominee continually exceeds established standards, i.e. improved testing techniques, refined delivery of services, perfected program designs, etc.
 - b. Describe ways in which the nominee had demonstrated an ability to transmit knowledge by effectively EDUCATING students and/or INSTRUCTING patients as evidenced by their application of that knowledge.
 - c. Describe how the nominee's ADMINISTRATIVE skills have improved the quality of the patient care and the learning environment.
- 2) Participation in the professional Association: Specify how the nominee has proven a continuing interest in the development of the profession through active involvement in professional activities and through contributions to the knowledge of physical therapy at the district, chapter, national, or international levels through committee appointments, chairmanships, offices held, participation in meetings, service on regulatory boards, legislative activities, etc.

- 3) Commitment to Education: Submit evidence of demonstration of personal involvement in
 - a. Continuing education
 - b. Participation in seminars, workshops, in services, lectures, publications, etc.
- 4) Public Relations/Community Services: In what ways has the nominee enriched the community by working with civic groups, school boards, churches, city/state boards, commissions, health groups etc.
- 5) Research: How has the nominee advanced the profession by enhancing the understanding of present knowledge, by innovative application of existing practices, by development of new techniques, etc.

**Please complete the nomination form and return by February 15, 2007, to:
Cathy Hughes, OPTA Awards Committee, Route 2, Box 265, Sulphur, OK 73086.**

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