



## Outstanding PT and PTA Student Awards

- **Purpose:** Recognize exceptional student physical therapist and student physical therapist assistant members and encourage future growth as APTA Orthopedics Members.
- **Eligibility:**
  - Currently enrolled in a PT or PTA program.
- **Criteria for consideration:**
  - Academic excellence.
  - Nonacademic achievements, representing initiative, leadership, and creativity.
  - Involvement in professional organizations and activities that provide potential growth and future contributions to the profession and orthopedic physical therapy.
- **Required Letters of Support:**
  - Required documents must be submitted with the nominee's CV by July 1st in a **single PDF file** compiled by the primary nominator to: [tfred@orthopt.org](mailto:tfred@orthopt.org).
  - A nomination letter up to two pages in length
  - The nominee's up-to-date CV
- **Resubmission or Update of Nominations**
  - If nominators contact the APTA Orthopedics office before the nomination deadline, the Awards Committee will consider nomination packets for award nominees who are not selected in the following year's awards process.
  - Nominators have the option to submit the previous nomination packet or provide an updated version.
- **Review and Selection:**
  - Number of awardees:
    - Each award will be presented **only** if qualified candidates are nominated. One awardee per award is standard, however in the case multiple exceptional nominees are submitted for a single award, the committee may recommend up to two awardees for the Board of Directors' consideration.
      - In the instance of multiple proposed awardees, the committee should identify their top choice individual.

- The Awards Committee and Board Members with conflicts of interest must abstain from voting or recommending award winners.
- The Awards Committee recommends awardees to APTA Orthopedics Board of Directors by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Awards Notification**
  - APTA Orthopedics President will notify Award Recipients by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Nominators of individuals selected to receive the award are notified, thanking them for their nomination and inviting them to attend the APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) Awards Ceremony, where they will be introduced along with the recipient during the presentation of the award.
  - The nominators of individuals not selected will be notified in writing thanking them for participating in the APTA Orthopedics awards program and informing them of the award resubmission policy.
- **The Award and its Presentation**
  - APTA Orthopedics will reimburse awards recipients for round-trip coach airfare from any US location to the conference site in accordance with APTA Orthopedics' CSM Reimbursement Policy.
  - Reimburse one night's lodging at or below the conference hotel's nightly rate and per diem.
  - A plaque recognizing each award recipient.
  - Reimburse early-bird CSM registration fee.