



## Paris Distinguished Service Award

- **Purpose:** Recognizes exceptional contributions to the APTA Orthopedics.
- **Recipient Eligibility:**
  - Any APTA Orthopedics Member in good standing may be nominated.
  - Current APTA Orthopedics Board members or Awards Committee members are not eligible.
- **Criteria for consideration:**
  - The Nominee shall have made substantial contributions to the APTA Orthopedics in one or more of the following areas:
    - Demonstrated prominent leadership in advancing the interests and objectives of the APTA Orthopedics.
    - Advanced public awareness of orthopedic physical therapy.
    - Served as an accomplished role model and provided incentive for other members to reach their highest potential.
    - Utilized notable talents in writing, teaching, research, administration, and/or clinical practice to assist the APTA Orthopedics and its membership in achieving their goals.
    - Obtained professional recognition and respect for their APTA Orthopedics achievements.
- **Required Letters of Support:**
  - The required documents listed below must be submitted **by July 1st** in a **single PDF file** compiled by the primary nominator.
    - A nomination letter up to three pages in length
    - Support statements not to exceed 2 pages in length from one to two professional colleagues who are APTA Orthopedics members.
    - 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.
- **Paris Lecture at the Awards Ceremony:**
  - The recipient presents a 15-minute lecture at APTA Orthopedics CSM Awards Ceremony.

- The recipient is invited to submit a written copy of acceptance for publication by APTA Orthopedics.
- Acceptance preferably focuses on the topic of professional values and service.
- **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.