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- Policy:** Awards Committee
- Purpose:** To ensure that the awards committee carries out their function in honoring AOPT members.
- Scope:** This policy pertains to the Awards Committee Chair and committee members
- Responsibilities:** AOPT Awards Committee and staff

1. The Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy (AOPT) of the APTA honors through awards, eligible individuals whose contributions to orthopaedic physical therapy or the AOPT specifically are outstanding, substantial and satisfy the approved criteria for the award. The AOPT awards provide recognition for the contributions of the recipients, and serve to enhance the reputation and public awareness of orthopaedic physical therapy and the AOPT.

2. For individual members so honored, AOPT awards represent the highest level of peer recognition. The following Awards are available to award to eligible and qualified members:

The Awards are the Paris Distinguished Service Award,  
Rose Excellence in Research Award,  
James A. Gould Excellence in Teaching Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Award,  
Richard W Bowling – Richard Erhard Orthopaedic Clinical Practice Award,  
Emerging Leader Award, and Outstanding PT and PTA Student Awards.

3. The AOPT BOD will appoint the Awards Committee Chair and members of the committee.

4. The AOPT Awards Committee is responsible for soliciting and reviewing nominations, and selecting winners for AOPT awards.

- A call for nominations for each award will be included in Osteoblasts during the year, and posted on the AOPT website of the applicable criteria and due dates for award applications.
- Award packets are submitted electronically to the AOPT office.
- Final recommendations for the top candidate for each AOPT award will be submitted by the Awards Committee to the AOPT BOD by December each year.
- The AOPT BOD will make final decisions, and notify the winners of each award. The award winners are honored at CSM each year.

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