



Emerging Leader Award

Purpose

To recognize and acknowledge an Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy member who has demonstrated extraordinary service/leadership early (less than 10 years) in one's professional career.

Eligibility Criteria

- The nominee must be a current member of the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA, Inc.
- Been a member of the Academy for at least 5 years
- Less than 10 years since graduating from an accredited entry-level PT or PTA program.
- Has served the Academy admirably by making a tangible contribution to the advancement of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy through service on a committee, task force, workgroup, or SIG/EIG.

Criteria for Selection

- The Nominee shall have made a significant contribution for a minimum of 2 years to the advancement of the Academy and be identified as an “emerging leader” through their service in one or more of the following areas of the Academy:
 - Education
 - Research
 - Practice/Advocacy
 - Public Relations
 - Membership
 - Publication
 - Nomination
 - Special Interest Group/Education Interest Group
- Demonstrate the potential to make a lasting contribution to Orthopaedic Physical Therapy.

Procedure for Nomination

- Any member of the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy may nominate a candidate for the Award.
- The complete packet supporting the nomination and addressing the above-stated **Criteria for Selection** must be sent electronically and received by the Academy office: tfred@orthopt.org by November 1 for consideration for the award in the following year.
- The materials submitted for each nomination shall include the following, which specifically addresses the criteria for selection:
 - One (1) letter of nomination, indicating reasons for the nomination, and clarifying the relationship between the nominator and the nominee.
 - Support letters from one (1) colleague who is a member of the Academy
 - Support letter from one (1) former or current Academy officer or Committee Chair
 - The nominees' curriculum vitae.

Procedure for Review and Selection

- Nomination material must be submitted to the Academy office. The office will retain the original electronic documents and provide the Awards Committee with copies for review.
- The Awards Committee will review the nominations and recommend the most qualified candidate to the Academy Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors will approve the final award recipient.
- Any member of the Awards Committee or the Board of Directors, who is closely associated with the nominee, will abstain from participating in the review and selection process.
- The award will be presented only if there is a qualified candidate, and only one nominee will be selected for the award.
- Nomination materials are considered the property of the Awards Committee, who will maintain their confidentiality.
- Nomination materials shall not be returned. If any individual is not selected for the award in a given year, that individual may be nominated in subsequent years. The Academy office will retain nomination material for two years.

Notification of the Award

- The President of the Academy will notify the recipient by December 1st and obtain written confirmation of acceptance by December 15th.
- The name of the recipient will be kept confidential until announced at APTA CSM.
- The award will be presented at the APTA Combined Section Meeting by the Academy Vice President.
- Those nominees not selected will be informed in writing.
- The nominators or individuals not selected will receive letters thanking them for their participation.

The Award and its Presentation

- The Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy will reimburse the recipient for round-trip airfare from any site in the US or Canada to the Combined Sections Meeting at which the award is presented, one day per diem consistent with the Academy current reimbursement rates and one day's conference registration.
- The awardee will receive a plaque and \$250.