MNPTA Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Award Criteria

**Purpose**
To acknowledge a Minnesota physical therapist assistant who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in clinical practice, community service, and personal commitment to physical therapy.

**Eligibility**
1. Nominee must be an MNPTA member in good standing.
2. Nominee must be a MNPTA ASIG member in good standing for two years.
3. An individual may receive the award only once in a three year period.
4. Members shall not be eligible for the award during their respective terms of service.

**Criteria**
Outstanding achievements in the practice of physical therapy and consistent service to the development of the physical therapy profession beyond that inherent of being a member are demonstrated by:

1. Professional contributions made to MNPTA.
2. Community service and activities that enhance quality of life and functions.
3. Representing and promoting the role of the physical therapist assistant through education, practice, or research.
4. Promotion of ethical standards and professional conduct among peers, patients, and students.
5. Professional development through continuing education: courses, workshops, and in-services, etc.
6. Ability to inspire patients, peers, or students to perform at, or strive to achieve, optimal potential to be the best they can be.

**Method of Nomination**
1. Nominations for the award may be submitted by any current member of MNPTA.
2. Nominations shall be submitted in writing using the appropriate form.
3. Completed forms must be received annually by submission deadline for consideration.
4. Any nominee not selected for the award may be nominated in any subsequent year by completion and submission of forms with current information.

Any current member in the Association may nominate an eligible member by completing the required nomination form. Selected letters of support from other physical therapist assistant, physical therapists, or other individuals having knowledge of the nominee’s service record and character should be submitted. Any other evidence that lends support to the nomination will be...
helpful in the selection process. Selection will be based on relationship to the criteria, not on the
total number of letters or other documents submitted.

**Selection of Recipient**

1. The Awards Committee will be comprised of five volunteers (one chair, four members). The
Awards Committee will consider nominations. All nominations must be originals, not
photocopies.
2. Any member of the Awards Committee closely associated with a nominee shall be excused
from discussion and voting on the award.
3. Reasons for the selection of the recipient will be part of the announcement of the award, and
a permanent record shall be maintained.
4. Awards will be made only if contributors are of truly outstanding character. No more than one
award will be given each year. Awards are not necessary each year.
5. The award will be presented at the business meeting of the Spring Conference. Selection for
the award is not contingent upon attendance at the business meeting. The award recipient will
receive a personalized engraved plaque.