NATIONAL STUDENT CONCLAVE

The Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA) recognizes the importance of students attending national meetings and as such, will support two students to attend the 2016 National Student Conclave (NSC), held October 19 - 21, 2017 in Portland, Oregon.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:
The student will be chosen by the following guidelines per OPTA policy:

1. Must be a member in good standing of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association.
2. Must have good academic standing (3.2 or better GPA).
3. Has demonstrated leadership among peers, e.g. class officer, committee member, Student SIG Rep.
4. Must be nominated with a letter of recommendation from his/her academic program.
5. Demonstrate desire and interest to make a significant contribution to the professional organization and the promotion of physical therapy in the community.

NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

a. Completed nomination form with student’s name, academic program, year in the program and APTA member number.
b. Copy of latest transcript or official grade report
c. At least one letter of support from a faculty member. Another letter of support may be submitted from a current APTA member.

JUDGING
Nominations are reviewed using “blind” process, by a committee made up of the Director III, Student/Faculty Affairs Chair or committee, and another board member. OPTA staff may review the nominations, in the event a member of the committee is unavailable. Upon selection, the OPTA office will notify the recipients.

EXPECTATIONS
Chosen students must arrange their travel/hotel arrangements prior to NSC. OPTA will reimburse students up to $1,050 each in registration, hotel and travel costs within 30 days following the submission of an OPTA Travel Reimbursement Form (mailed or emailed to OPTA) with attached receipts. Applicants should be able to financially cover any expenses beyond those allocated by the OPTA.

Winners are expected to be in attendance at National Student Conclave. Following the event, each winner will submit an article for publication in the ACCESS magazine detailing their experience at the event.

OPTA will notify each applicant (and nominator) of their status via email, following the decision.

**Reviewers: Please submit your top two student choices, ranked by Friday, August 25, to Member Engagement Specialist Marie Ruskin at mruskin@ohiopt.org.**
NOMINATION FORM: National Student Conclave Student

STUDENT INFO:

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student Address: __________________________________________________________

Student email: ____________________________________________________________

Academic Program: _______________________________________________________

GPA (must be at least a 3.2): __________

Year in the program: __________

APTA membership number: __________

NOMINATING FACULTY INFO:

Nominating faculty name: __________________________________________________

Nominator’s address: ______________________________________________________

Nominator’s email: ________________________________________________________

Nominator’s signature/date: ________________________________________________