



West Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

HONOR AWARDS

Ray O. Duncan Award

Given for: Distinguished Professional Services to the fields of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, or Dance

- Criteria:
- (1) Recipient may be a non-professional and/or non-member of the WVAHPERD
 - (2) If member, must be recipient of the Honor Award
 - (3) Recipient must have rendered exemplary service to the Association and the profession over a period of 5 years.
 - (4) No more than one (1) awarded annually

Honor Award

Given for: Distinguished Professional Service and Inspiration to Association.

- Criteria:
- (1) Recipient must be a member of the WVAHPERD for at least 3 years
 - (2) No more than three (3) awarded annually

Bea N. Orr Student Award

Given for: Outstanding Achievement and Service to the areas of HPERD

- Criteria:
- (1) Recipient must be a member of WVAHPERD and must be recommended by their College or University
 - (2) No more than two (2) awarded annually – one to a female; one to a male

Health Educator of the Year Award

(The purpose of this award, a health educator is defined as an individual who has major responsibility for teaching health in: (1) a public or private school, grades K-12; (2) an institution of higher education; (3) a community health program; (4) a government health agency; or (5) a worksite health program.

Criteria:

1. Candidates shall have maintained membership in AAHPERD for a minimum of five years or more.
2. Candidates shall have maintained membership in state organization in the Midwest District for a minimum of five years.
3. Candidates shall have been employed in the profession for five years or more.
4. Candidates shall have made significant contributions to the profession in the areas of teaching, research, and services.

Examples of contributions might include:

Teaching

- A. Utilization of various teaching methodologies and innovative learning experiences.
- B. Promotion of outstanding health programs in the school, agency, organization, or work environment.

- C. Award recipient for teaching and/or administration of health program(s).
- D. Demonstration of outstanding teaching.

Research/Creative Activities:

- A. Author or co-author of books related to health and health education.
- B. Author of health-related articles published in professional journals.
- C. Systematic researcher involved in projects that have helped to advance the profession.
- D. Author of grants to support health-related research.
- E. Recipient of scholarships, fellowships, grant monies, or monetary awards for health projects.
- F. Presentation, curriculum development, program development, etc.

Service Activities

- A. Office hold in the National Alliance
- B. Office holder in the Midwest District Association.
- C. Office holder in State Association.
- D. Office Holder in an affiliated organization (e.g. American School Health Association, American College Health Association, Society for Public Health Education, etc.)
- E. Chairperson of a committee in a health-related organization.
- F. Speaker or clinician for professional or service organization.

K-12 Dance Educator of the Year Award

(For the purpose of this award, a dance educator is defined as an individual who has major responsibility for teaching dance in grades K-12 (aerobic dance will be omitted from consideration).

Criteria: The candidate must be an elementary, middle school, junior high or senior high teacher with a minimum of three years teaching experience. In addition, the teacher must show evidence of effective teaching in the following ways:

1. Teaching creatively and utilizing various methodologies.
2. Promoting an understanding of dance as a creative art through the discussion of aesthetics of students' own works and/or the works of others.
3. Emphasizing the significance of dance as an integral cultural component that enables students to understand their own cultural heritage as well as that of others.

Young Professional Award

Criteria: (1) Must be an active WVAHPERD member
 (2) Candidates must not have exceeded the age of thirty five (35)
 (3) Candidate will be evaluated on scholarship, service to the profession (particularly the WVAHPERD), and teaching
 (4) Candidates must be nominated by a WVAHPERD member, included with the nomination is to be a letter of recommendation related to the evaluation criteria. If a graduate student, the candidate must have one letter of recommendation from a faculty member at his/her institution; if a teacher; the recipient must have one letter from his/her immediate supervisor.

Elementary -- Physical Education Teacher of the Year

(A physical educator is defined for the purposes of this award as an individual who has major responsibility for teaching physical education in grades K through 6 for a specific school or school system)

- Criteria:
1. Has had a minimum of five years teaching experience at the elementary physical education level;
 2. Serves as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, sportsmanship, and sensitivity to the needs of students;
 3. Utilizes various teaching methodologies and plans innovative learning experiences to meet individual students needs;
 4. Conducts a balanced and sequential curriculum that reflects an understanding of child growth and development;
 5. Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth;
 6. Evidences commitment to the education profession by having served on state/regional/national committees and/or having presented workshops or programs at these levels; and
 7. Must be a current member of WVAHPERD. (Person selected as TOY will need to be a current member of AAHPERD to apply for the NASPE TOY award.)

Middle School -- Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award

(A physical educator is defined for the purposes of this award as the individual who has major responsibility for teaching physical education in middle and/or high school for a specific school or school system:

- Criteria: The candidate must be a person who:
1. Serves as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, sportsmanship, and sensitivity to the needs of students;
 2. Utilizes various teaching methodologies and plans innovative learning experiences;
 3. Conducts a balanced and sequential curriculum;
 4. Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth; and
 5. Evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and national physical education organizations.
 6. Must be a current member of WVAHPERD. (Person selected as TOY will need to be a current member of AAHPERD to apply for the NASPE TOY award.)

Secondary -- Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award

(The criteria for this award is the same as for the Middle School Award)

4. Presenting a balanced and sequential curriculum based on the developmental, social and psychological needs of the students.
5. Encouraging an appreciation of dance as a performing art through viewing live and/or filmed works by professional companies.
6. Providing opportunities for students to share their creative work with appropriate audiences.
7. Showing professional commitment through membership and active participation in local, state and/or national dance organizations.
8. Serving as a positive role model for students.