

Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
Award Criteria

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I. Name: Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year

II. Criteria

- A. A middle school physical educator is an individual who has major responsibility for teaching physical education in grades six through eight for a specific school system in Virginia.
- B. The candidate must be a middle school physical education teacher (grades 6-8) with a minimum of five years experience at the middle school level.
- C. The candidate must be a current VAHPERD member.
- D. In addition, 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 the students;
 - 2. Utilize various teaching methodologies and plans innovative learning experiences;
 - 3. Conducts a balanced and sequential curriculum;
 - 4. Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth;
 - 5. Evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and national health and physical education organizations.
- E. A minimum score of 50% available points is required for the applicant to be considered for an award.

III. Rules for Nomination

Any physical educator who meets the criteria may apply personally for this award or be nominated by a colleague.

IV. Application

- A. Nominations must be submitted (typewritten) to the Chair of the Awards Committee by April 1.
- B. The Chair of the Awards Committee will send the candidate the Candidate Application Form and publicity release form by April 10.
- C. The application form and publicity release form must be completed by the nominee and returned to the Chair of the Awards Committee by June 15.
- D. Three to five reference letters from among school officials, colleagues, parents and students must be submitted with the application.
- F. Attach separate sheets, if needed, to expand on the candidate's qualifications under the Awards Policy and Procedures criteria. Major consideration for the award will be given to those criteria.
- G. Additional supporting material such as current resume, course outlines, programs and newspaper clippings may be included. Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** video tapes.
- H. Nominees, if not selected, shall remain eligible for a period of two years.