

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

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- I. Name: Health Education Professional of the Year
- II. Criteria
 - A. A health education professional is an individual who has major responsibility for teaching health education for a specific school system in Virginia.
 - B. The candidate must be a health education teacher (any combination of grades K-12) with a minimum of five years experience.
 - 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. Utilizes 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
 - A. Any health 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.
- E. 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.
- F. Additional supporting material such as current resume, course outlines, programs and newspaper clippings may be included. Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** videotapes.
- G. Nominees, if not selected, shall remain eligible for a period of two years.