

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

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I. Name: College/University Health Educator of the Year

II. Criteria

- A. A college/university health educator is an individual who has major responsibility for teaching health education in a Virginia college or university.
- B. The candidate must be a college (2 or 4 years) or university teacher with a minimum of five years health education teaching experience.
- C. The candidate must be a current member of VAHPERD.
- D. In addition the candidate must show evidence of effective teaching in the following ways:
  - 1. Teaching effectiveness and program or curriculum development as shown by positive student and administrative evaluations;
  - 2. Emphasizes the significance of health education as an integral personal component that enables students to understand their own health and fitness requirements.
  - 3. Shows professional commitment through membership and active participation in local, state, and/or national health education organizations;
  - 4. Serves as a positive role model for students;
  - 5. Demonstrates professional development by attending conferences and workshops;
  - 6. Collaborates with faculty in other disciplines.

III. Rules for Nomination

- A. Any college/university health educator who meets the criteria outlined 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 letters of recommendation from college/university officials, colleagues, 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** video tapes.
- G. Nominees, if not selected, shall remain eligible for a period of two years.