

Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance



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NDA K-12 DANCE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR (DEOY) Application Packet

Definition

A dance educator is defined for the purposes of this award as: 1) an individual who is employed full time at school, and 2) fifty per cent or more of the dance educator's time is devoted to teaching dance in grades K-12. No aerobic dance will be adjudicated.

Eligibility Requirements

Any physical educator who meets the eligibility requirements and exemplifies the criteria for this award, as outlined below, may make a personal application or be nominated by a colleague.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. Current membership in AAHPERD and NDA required for Midwest and National TOY
2. Current membership in IAHPERD required for Illinois TOY
3. Degree in and certification as a physical education/dance teacher
4. Minimum of three (3) years teaching experience in dance
5. Full-time teaching contract, current at the time of nomination and selection
6. Minimum of 50% of total teaching responsibility is teaching dance classes
7. The current Dance Educator of the Year will present a session at the IAHPERD State Convention in November

Please note:

Any physical education/dance teacher who has been a former Dance Teacher of the Year at the district or national level, or who has been a recipient of a Dance Teacher of the Year award at the state level within the last three (3) years is not eligible to apply for this award.

Current members of the NDA Executive Committee are not eligible to participate.

Award Criteria

The teacher must show evidence of effective teaching in the following ways:

1. Teaching creatively and utilizing various methodologies;
2. Presenting a balanced and sequential curriculum based on the developmental, social and psychological needs of the students;
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;
4. Promoting an understanding of dance as a creative art through the discussion of aesthetics of student's own works and/or the works of others;

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

NOTE: All Letters of Recommendation should be one to two typewritten pages, single spaced in 12 point font, with content directly related to the **Award Criteria**. **It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure the content of the recommendations meets the Award Criteria.**

Application Directions

1. Illinois Dance Teacher of the Year applications can be obtained at: www.iahperd.org.
2. Application, support materials, and publicity forms must be filled out completely and typed, single spaced with 12-point font.
3. Support materials must include the following:
 - a) One paragraph vita (word document)
 - b) An electronic headshot of the candidate and an action photo of the candidate teaching dance (at least dpi-300).
 - c) Completed application
 - d) Four letters of recommendation addressing the K-12 Dance Educator of the Year Award Criteria. One letter must be from the current principal; additional letters may be from colleagues or parents or others who are familiar with the work of the applicant.
4. A 20-minute videotape is a requirement for consideration for National Teacher of the Year. The videotape guidelines are explained on Page 3 of this packet.
5. Include a 3 ½" x 2 ½" (wallet size) photograph that will not be returned.
6. Applications that are forwarded to AAHPERD/NDA for National consideration must be on forms that are included in this packet and comply with all guidelines described here or they will not be considered.

NOTE: Please address questions on the application limiting responses to the sheets provided. Do not send notebooks, portfolios, or photo displays.

VIDEOTAPE GUIDELINES

VHS video is not required for IAHPERD TOY. A VHS video is required to be considered for National TOY. You will be notified if you are a Midwest District winner.

VHS video (**required at the national level**) with the following specifications:

1. Show segments of one class that focus on teaching and interaction skills with the students.
2. Videos of student performances are not acceptable.
3. Total tape time should be no longer than twenty (20) minutes.
4. Video should be edited to include the beginning and closing segments of a typical class.

Cover letter describing the video should include the following:

1. Age group and grade level taught
2. Skill level of students
3. Where students are in the unit (i.e. 3rd week of a 12 week unit, 8th week of a 26 week semester, etc.)
4. Length of class period
5. Number of times class meets per week
6. Number of weeks per unit/term

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State and AAHPERD District Selection and Recognition Timeline

1. IAHPERD District Presidents must receive Illinois Dance Educator of the Year applications from the candidate by **March 1** of the current year. Send your application to your state-district president. Contact information for all Illinois District Presidents is available in the IAHPERD website: www.iahperd.org. **The State Association will re-direct all submitted names and applications for Dance Educator of the Year to the appropriate IAHPERD District President or appointed designee.**
2. State District Presidents will present their District winners to the IAHPERD Recognition/Awards Committee by **April 15**.
3. The IAHPERD Recognition/Awards Committee will present one candidate for Illinois Dance Educator of the Year for approval at the late **April** meeting of the IAHPERD Executive Board. The state winner will be contacted in early **May**.
4. The IAHPERD Recognition/Awards Committee will submit the Illinois Dance Educator TOY and his/her application to AAHPERD, Office of the Vice President of Programs, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191, **and** to the Midwest District AAHPERD Recognition/Awards Committee by **August 15**.
5. The Midwest District Dance Educator of the Year will be selected at the annual meeting of the Midwest District leadership in **late September or early October**. All winners of this award will be officially notified by Midwest District within two weeks of the Midwest District AAHPERD Leadership Conference. The Midwest District Awards Committee will instruct the winner to send his/her application packet to the NDA Awards Committee no later than **December 15**.
6. For AAHPERD Midwest District TOY winners, a one paragraph vita (word doc) and electronic headshot (at least dpi-300) of the candidate must be submitted to NDA Headquarters via e-mail (nda@aahperd.org) . An action photo of the candidate teaching dance is also recommended.
7. For AAHPERD Midwest District TOY winners, a videotape of a lesson is a requirement to participate in the selection process for National Teacher of the Year at the AAHPERD National Convention. The videotape is due to: AAHPERD, Office of the Vice President of Programs, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191, no later than **February 15**. This is the sole responsibility of the candidate.
8. It is recommended that all Midwest District TOY winners review the NDA website for other important information.
9. All Candidates for National Dance Educator of the Year must be members of AAHPERD and NDA and must attend the AAHPERD National Convention at their own expense to remain eligible for the national awards. A selection committee at the AAHPERD National Convention will choose the National Dance Educator of the Year from the six (6) AAHPERD District finalists.

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OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by nominee

Detach the application and the publication forms from the rest of the packet and send the typed forms along with your letters of recommendation to your IAHPERD District President by **March 1**.

Should the space provided prove insufficient, please use additional sheets, clearly marking each item. You may create your own computer-generated copy of this form (recommended).

Candidate's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Home Address:

Professional Address:

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Work Email: _____

Educational Background:

Employment:

Location:

Age/Grade Levels:

Years of Service:

Professional Affiliations:

National/AAHPERD Membership # _____ Expiration Date _____ Years of Membership _____
NDA Activities (offices, articles, etc.)

District AAHPERD:

District Offices/Divisions or Project Activities:

State AHPERD Membership # _____ Expiration Date _____ Years of Membership _____
State Offices/Division or Project Activities:

Other Professional Affiliations:

Professional Activities:

Workshops/Articles/Books/Speeches
Demonstrations/Convention Programs

Honors and Awards:

Curriculum: (course content) taught annually

Examples of Program Development: include date(s) of implementation

Community Service: (dance related)

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SUPPORT INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY FORM

To be completed by nominee

State: **ILLINOIS**

AAHPERD District: **MIDWEST DISTRICT**

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

School District Information:

Superintendent's Name: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Program/Dept Chair's Name and Title: _____

School District Administration Address and Phone: _____

School District Public Relations Officer (Name, Address, Phone Number): _____

Newspapers:

Newspaper: _____ Editor: _____

Address: _____

Phone and Fax: _____

Television Station: List the local stations with the broadest coverage (use back of sheet if there is more than one).

Station Name/Call Letters: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone and Fax: _____

Government Officials:

State Legislator: _____

Address: _____

U.S. Congress Rep: _____

Address: _____

U.S. Senator: _____

Address: _____

U.S. Senator: _____

Address: _____

Others: list others, including titles and addresses, to which your progress in this program should be reported. Use the back of this sheet if necessary.