

Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance



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AAHE HEPY HEALTH EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR Application Packet

Definition

A health educator is defined for the purposes of this award as an individual who has major responsibility for teaching health education for a specific school or school system.

Eligibility Requirements

Any health educator (K-12) who meets the eligibility requirements and exemplifies the criteria for this award, as outlined below, may apply or be nominated by a colleague.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. **Current** membership in AAHPERD/AAHE is highly recommended, but not required, in order to receive serious consideration at the national level;
2. **Current** membership in IAHPERD **is required** for Illinois Educator of the Year;
3. Degree in and certification as a health education teacher;
4. Minimum of five (5) years teaching experience in health education;
5. Full-time teaching contract, current at the time of nomination and selection;
6. Candidates must be practitioners;
7. Deceased persons are not eligible for nomination for the award
8. The current Health Educator of the Year will present a session at the IAHPERD State Convention in November;
9. Previous recipients of the AAHE HEPY (American Association for Health Education/Health Education Professional of the Year) Award are not eligible to receive the award again;
10. If the Midwest District Educator of the Year is not selected for the national award, they may be re-nominated after one complete year has passed.

Please note: Current members of AAHE Awards Committee or AAHE Board of Directors and their families are not eligible to apply for this award. Committee members are not allowed to resign from the Committee in order to be considered for an award.

Teaching Assignment

Teachers may have responsibility for teaching general PE, but applications can be submitted only for the health part of the teaching assignment.

Award Criteria

Each candidate must demonstrate specific contributions in the following criteria:

1. Leadership in developing and implementing or directing/coordinating effective health education/promotion programs; Conduct an organized, balanced and sequential curriculum, formulated in writing;
2. Volunteer service to local, state, district or national level organizations or at the school or community levels;
3. Service to local, state or national professional organizations;
4. Evidence of meritorious professional activity in at least three (3) of the following:
 - a. Innovative teaching, utilizes a variety of interesting teaching methodologies and provides innovative learning experiences;
 - b. Publications;
 - c. Presentations;
 - d. Funded research or programs;
 - e. Special projects;
 - f. Or other health related activities.

NOTE: All Letters of Recommendation should be one to two typed pages in length 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. The Illinois Health Educator of the Year application packet can be obtained at: www.iahperd.org.
2. The Application Packet Checklist contains the following checklist of items that must be filled out completely and typed using 12 point font:
 - a. Application Form with Biographical Information
 - b. Contributions to Field (**Award Criteria**) completed by the candidate (one double spaced sheet for each)
 - c. Letters of Recommendation (3) written by professionals in a position to evaluate the candidate's qualifications as they relate to the **Award Criteria**
 - d. Midwest District endorsement (if candidate advances to national level)
 - e. Cover sheet
 - f. Short biography completed by the candidate (see sample biography on AAHPERD website, then go to AAHE Awards)
3. Include a 3 ½" x 2 ½" (wallet size) photograph that will not be returned.
4. Application, support materials, and publicity forms remain unchanged from the beginning of the selection process (State) through participation at the Midwest District and National levels.

State and AAHPERD District Selection and Recognition Timeline

1. IAHPERD District Presidents must receive the Illinois Health Educator of the Year application packet from the candidate by **March 1**. Send your application to your state-district president. Contact information for all Illinois District Presidents is available on the IAHPERD Website: www.iahperd.org. **The State Association (IAHPERD) will re-direct all submitted names and applications for Health 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 Health Educator of the Year for approval at the **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 Health 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 Recognition/Awards Committee by **August 15**.
5. The Midwest District Health Teacher 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 AAHPERD, Office of the Vice President of Programs, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191, no later than **December 1**.
6. The six (6) AAHPERD District candidates for National Health Educator of the Year must attend the AAHPERD National Convention at their own expense. The selection committee at the AAHPERD National Convention will choose the National Health Educator of the Year from the six (6) AAHPERD District finalists. The award is presented at the AAHE luncheon.

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OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by nominee

Detach the application and publicity forms from the rest of the packet and send them along with your letters of recommendation to your IAHPERD District President by **March 1**. All required materials must be sent simultaneously in one packet. Incomplete or incorrect submissions will be returned.

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).

Award Category: **School (K-12)**

Name and Address of Nominee:

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Work Phone () _____ Home Phone () _____

Employment:

Present Position _____

Location of Employment _____

Years of Service _____

Supervisor Information:

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Work Phone () _____ Fax () _____

Educational Background

Career History

Brief career summary listing positions, locations, and length of service:

Position	Location	Length of Service

Professional Affiliations and Activities

(e.g., membership in professional organizations, offices held, etc. Include AAHPERD and IAHPERD membership numbers)

Organization	Office	Year/Member Number)

Professional Leadership/Service to AAHE

(No more than six [6]):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Health Education Related Professional Leadership/
Service to Other Organizations Such As ASHA, APHA, etc.**

Give dates, type of service, and level, such as state or national.

National Level:

District Level:

State Level:

Local Level:

Contributions to the Field Criteria (see Award Criteria)

Major consideration for the award will be given to the information provided under the four (4) criteria listed. Attach one (1) double spaced sheet for each criterion. In describing your qualifications under each criterion, specifically address innovation, major accomplishments, and significance to the field. Underline and label each criterion in capital letters. The descriptive text should begin on the next line.

1. Leadership in developing and implementing or directing/coordinating effective health education/promotion programs; Conduct an organized, balanced and sequential curriculum, formulated in writing;
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4. Evidence of meritorious professional activity in at least three (3) of the following:
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Letters of Recommendation

Attach three (3) letters of recommendation from administrators/supervisors, professional colleagues and/or prominent officials (e.g., government officials) who are in a position to evaluate each candidate's qualifications. **It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure the content of the recommendations meets the Award Criteria.**

Statement of Endorsement for Midwest District and National Recognition

Attach, as a second page immediately behind cover sheet, a statement of endorsement on official Midwest District letterhead. The statement should read:

“Midwest District endorses _____ as a candidate for the AAHE HEPY Award in the K-12 School Category.”

NOTE: For the Midwest District Health Educator of the Year winner, this will be added to the application that is sent to AAHE/AAHPERD on December 1.

Sample Biography

Candidate must provide biographical information to be used in the awards booklet should the candidate be selected as a final recipient. See www.aahperd.org. Go to AAHE Awards for sample Bio.

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**SUPPORT INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY FORM (Revised 2004)
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, Title and Phone: _____

School District Administration Address and Phone: _____

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

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.