

Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance



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NATIONAL DANCE ASSOCIATION 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 Illinois 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 Times New Roman 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) Vita (1 paragraph word document);
 - b) Completed application;
 - c) 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. Please note that recommendations for district and/or national consideration should include district and/or national level recommendations.
 - d) A 20-minute videotape is a requirement for consideration for National Teacher of the Year. The videotape guidelines are explained in this application packet.
 - e) Include a 3 ½" x 2 ½" (wallet size) photograph that will not be returned.
4. To be eligible for the National Award, the Midwest District AAHPERD Awardee must be a member of NDA and must attend the AAHPERD National Convention at their own expense;
5. 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.

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 (IAHPERD) 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 1**.
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 TOY recipients will submit their revised applications to the Midwest District AAHPERD Recognition/Awards Committee Chair by **August 15**. Specific directions will be given to the IAHPERD TOY winners.
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 1**. 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: nda@aahperd.org , www.aahperd.org/nda.
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.
10. In the event the candidate is selected as Midwest Adapted Teacher of the Year, the candidate will submit a one-paragraph vita (word document) and headshot of the candidate to the NDA headquarters at least three weeks prior to interviews at the AAHPERD National Convention. This material must be submitted to NDA Headquarters via e-mail (nda@aahperd.org). The headshot must be at least dpi-300. An action photo of the candidate teaching dance is also recommended to be submitted to NDA headquarters.

DVD GUIDELINES

A DVD is not required for IAHPERD DANCE TOY. A DVD is required to be considered for National TOY. You will be notified if you are a Midwest District winner. The DVD is due to: AAHPERD, Office of the Vice President of Programs, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191, no later than **February 1**. This is the sole responsibility of the candidate.

A DVD is 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. DVDs 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 DVD 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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NDA NATIONAL DANCE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR:

1. **The NDA K-12 National DEOY must be an active member of NDA in order to be nominated for the title. The K-12 National DEOY must be an active member of the National Dance Association throughout the year that he or she is the awardee.**
2. The NDA K-12 National DEOY must present a program at the AAHPERD National Convention the year after receiving the award. A proposal for the DEOY program must be submitted online (www.aahperd.org/convention) by the appropriate deadline. NDA will commit a slot each year for this purpose. All expenses to attend the AAHPERD National Convention are the responsibility of the awardee.
3. The NDA K-12 National DEOY will serve as a mentor to students and colleagues, and work closely with the Vice President of Dance Education on relevant projects throughout his or her tenure.
4. The official sponsor of the NDA K-12 National DEOY program, Sportime will schedule at least one workshop during the year where the awardee is required to present. Expenses of the DEOY for this workshop will be covered by Sportime.
5. The K-12 National DEOY is requested to attend a combined NASPE/NDA/AAPAR Retreat, generally scheduled the week of the AAHPERD Leadership Conference. This retreat is an excellent way for all educators awarded by AAHPERD associations to share their expertise in quality teaching. All participating educators will contact their Congressional representatives prior to this event in preparation for advocacy visits to Capitol Hill during the retreat. The K-12 National DEOY is required to present at least one workshop during the retreat, to be scheduled by NDA staff. NDA will finance airfare, lodging and per diem for the NDA K-12 National DEOY to attend the retreat. If the awardee chooses to arrive earlier or leave later than the designated dates, all additional expenses are the responsibility of the DEOY.
6. The K-12 National DEOY is required to submit a one-paragraph vita, headshot photo and action photo of the awardee teaching for promotional purposes to the NDA headquarters. These materials must be submitted no later than the week following the announcement of the award and be submitted via e-mail. The one-paragraph vita must be sent as a word document and the photos must be at least dpi-300. All contact information, including school address, phone (+cell) and e-mail must be submitted for business cards.
7. The K-12 National DEOY is required to submit a one-page lesson plan with applicable National Dance Standards to be printed in the Back-to-School issue of *Spotlight on Dance* and posted on the NDA website.

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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:

Work Phone:

Home Email Address:

Work Email:

Educational Background:

Employment:

Location:

Age/Grade Levels:

Years of Service:

Professional Memberships and Offices/Responsibilities:

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:

Candidate's Name:

Date:

Professional Activities: Workshops/Articles/Books/Speeches/Demonstrations/Convention Programs

Honors and Awards:

Curriculum: (course content) taught annually

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

Community Service: (dance related)

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SUPPORT INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY FORM

To be completed by nominee

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MIDWEST DISTRICT AAHPERD

Applicant's Full Name:

Applicant's Address:

Present Position/Title:

Home Phone:

Home Email Address:

Home Fax:

Work Phone:

Work Email:

Work Fax:

School District Information:

School District Administration Address:

Superintendent's Name:

Work Phone:

Work Email:

Work Fax:

Principal's Name:

Work Phone:

Work Email:

Work Fax:

Immediate Supervisor Name and Title:

Work Phone:

Work Email:

Work Fax:

School District Public Relations Officer:

Work Phone:

Work Email:

Work Fax:

Newspapers:

Newspaper:

Editor:

Address:

Work Phone:

Work Email:

Work Fax:

Station Name/Call Letters:

Contact Person:

Address:

Work Phone:
Work Email:

Work Fax:

Government Officials:

State Legislator:

Address:

Work Phone:
Work Email:

Work Fax:

U.S. Congress Rep:

Address:

Work Phone:
Work Email:

Work Fax:

U.S. Senator:

Address:

Work Phone:
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U.S. Senator:

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Others: list others, including titles and addresses, to which your progress in this program should be reported.