

Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance



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MIDWEST DISTRICT AAHPERD YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Application Packet

Definition

An educator, defined for the purposes of this award, is an individual who has a major responsibility teaching health, physical education, recreation, or dance for a specific college/university or school system. **This award is geared toward the young professional (10 years or less) currently employed at the university/college level, but any certified educator at any level may apply for this award.**

Award Qualifications

Any educator who meets the eligibility requirements and exemplifies the criteria for this award may apply, or nominated by a colleague.

Award qualifications include:

1. **This is a State/Midwest District Award and not awarded at the national level.** The Illinois State award winner will advance to Midwest District AAHPERD for consideration. One award is presented annually. (Please note that the Illinois Young Professional Teacher of the Year Award has a different set of requirements and a different application process)
2. The recipient of the Midwest Young Professional Award from Illinois will present a session at the Illinois AHPERD State Convention in November.
3. Candidates for the Midwest District Young Professional Award shall have maintained membership for a minimum of the past five years in AAHPERD AND in IAHPERD.
4. Candidates shall have been in the profession for no more than ten (10) years.
5. Candidates shall be persons who have exhibited a devotion to the advancement of health, physical education, recreation and dance or in content areas or in content areas included as part of the divisional structure of MWD AAHPERD.
6. Candidates shall display service to the profession. The following are some illustrations of contributions and it is expected that applicants will have contributed in at least two of the following areas:

Teaching (also includes Coaching, Performing, Supervising, and Directing)

- a. Contributor to clinics, workshops, and state or local health, physical education, recreation, and dance conferences.
- b. Promoter of programs in any of the various areas of health, physical education, recreation, and/or dance at any educational level.
- c. Contributor to the profession whose work has affected its philosophy or practice.
- d. Demonstrator of effective teaching or athletic coaching.

Scholarship

- a. Systematic researcher, which has helped to advance the profession.
- b. Author of journal articles on the subject of health, physical education, recreation, and/or dance.
- c. Creator of productions in dance, synchronized swimming, etc.
- d. Recipient of scholarships, fellowships, grant monies, or monetary awards.

Service

- a. Office holder or committee worker of the American Alliance HPERD, Midwest District AAHPERD, State HPERD Association, and/or affiliated organizations.
- b. Speaker or clinician before educational groups, at conventions, assemblies, and meetings held in the interest and for the promotion of health, physical education, recreation, and dance.

Application Procedures

All applicants must submit 1 typed and complete application to the Illinois District President of the district you reside by **March 1**. Application materials should include:

1. The Illinois/Midwest District Young Professional Award application packet can be obtained at www.iahperd.org.
2. All application, written documentation, and publicity forms must be filled out completely and typed using Times New Roman 12 point font.
3. Applications that are forwarded to Midwest District for consideration must be on forms that are included in this packet and comply with all guidelines described here or they will not be considered. Application, and publicity forms must remain unchanged from the beginning of the selection process (state level) through participation at the Midwest District and National levels (except for video, i.e. Illinois APE TOY does not require a video). However, the support materials (recommendations and responses to the Award Criteria) can be revised from state-district-national levels.
4. Complete the Illinois Application Form and The Illinois Publicity Form (included at the end of the application packet).
5. Include a 3 ½" x 2 ½" (wallet size) photograph that will not be returned.
6. Complete an Award Application Cover Sheet (included at the end of this application packet).
7. Include written documentation demonstrating compliance with the award qualifications (resumes or vitae not accepted).
8. **Include one letter of recommendation from the applicant's administrator or colleague.** The letters should be one to two pages in length with content directly related to the award qualifications providing a biographical sketch outlining the applicant's contributions and how those contributions are deserving of recognition.

State and AAHPERD District Selection and Recognition Timeline

1. IAHPERD District Presidents must receive **one (1) typed and complete application** by **March 1**. Send your application to your state-district president. Contact information for your Illinois District president is available on the IAHPERD Website: www.iahperd.org. **The State Association (IAHPERD) will re-direct all submitted names and applications for Physical Education Teacher 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 the Midwest District Young Professional Award for approval at the **April** meeting of the IAHPERD Executive Board. The state winner will be contacted in early **May**.
4. The IAHPERD Midwest District Young Professional Award recipient will submit six (6) copies of 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 Young Professional Award winner 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.
6. The Midwest District Young Professional Award will be presented to the recipient at the Illinois AHPERD Recognition/Awards dinner in November.
7. The Midwest Young Professional Award recipient is encouraged to complete an [AAHPERD Mabel Lee Award](#) application (including letters of recommendation from AAHPERD members and a publicity form) by **October 15**. The Mabel Lee Award materials should be sent to the Recognition Awards Committee, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191, for national consideration.

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ILLINOIS/MIDWEST DISTRICT YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by nominee

Detach the application and the publication forms from the rest of the packet and send them along with your responses to the award criteria, letters of recommendation, and wallet sized photo to you the IAHPERD State Awards and Recognition Chair or the IAHPERD Executive Director by **March 1**.

Applicant's Name: _____

Name You Wish To Be Called: _____

Name to Use in Writing (certificates, press releases, etc.) _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Title: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Present Position/Title: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Educational Information:

	College/University	Major
Bachelors Degree		
Masters Degree		
Doctoral/Prof. Degree		

Career Information:

Position

Location

Length of Service

Professional Affiliations:

NASPE/AAHPERD Membership # _____ Expiration Date _____ Years of Membership _____
NASPE 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:

Significant Achievements in the Field of Physical Education:

Community Service:

(Type and Dates)

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**ILLINOIS/MIDWEST DISTRICT YOUNG PROFESSIONAL
AWARD**

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.

**Midwest District of the American Alliance
for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance**

AWARD APPLICATION COVER SHEET



The **award cover sheet** must be typed and completed in detail to be considered for an award. This form needs to be accompanied by a **maximum of one page for each of the award qualifications** (typed, double-spaced). Also, letters of recommendation specifically addressing the applicant's qualifications for the award need to be attached. Resumes or vitae will not be accepted. **Six (6) copies** of the application materials should be mailed to the Midwest Recognition and Awards Committee Chair and be postmarked on or before **August 15** to be included in this year's selection process.

**Award Category: Midwest District AAHPERD Young Professional
Educator of the Year**

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Professional Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone (H): _____ (W): _____ Email: _____

EDUCATION Institution Major Dates

Bachelors _____
Masters _____
Doctorate _____
Professional Experience (Position/Location/Dates of Service):

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS state membership & # _____

Number of Years AAHPERD Member: _____ Current Membership #: _____
State/District/National Service (Committees, Offices, etc. with dates of service):

Community Service & Achievements / Honors (with dates of service):

