

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



2011 – 2012 Awards Information

SDA AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION

The Southern District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (SDA) is proud of its awards recognition process. We seek to acknowledge professionals who excel in their efforts to promote quality programming and service to profession(s). Your assistance is needed to identify people within your state and specific fields that are strong role models for these SDA awards.

For any SDA award, please send nominations by September 15 to: Fran Meyer, 852 Lincoln Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407 or fmameyer@aol.com. The nominees' names and contact information will be forwarded to the appropriate selection committee chair. The committee chair will send each nominee the relevant award application packet to complete by a designated time frame. It is important to adhere to the time frame requested so that the selection committees have ample time to review each application submitted.

Listed below are the qualifications for each SDA award. Please read each carefully and consider which professionals in your state (or across the southern district states) deserve consideration for these awards.

SDA Awards

The **Honor Award**, our highest award, recognizes meritorious contributions to the fields of physical education, health education, recreation, sport, and/or dance or to the profession through such allied fields as science and education. Qualifications:

- Member of AAHPERD for at least 5 continuous years prior to receiving the award and live in Southern District at the time of the award
- At least 40 years of age with 10 years of meritorious service in Southern District
- Be of high moral character whose contributions have been most fully expressed in the spirit of service that the award represents

The **Scholar Award** promotes and stimulates scholarly productivity among professionals and it recognizes senior level scholars who have made and continue to make significant contributions to the profession. Qualifications:

- Member of AAHPERD and the respective state association
- Commendable record evidenced by scholarly productions and presentations
- Currently producing scholarship
- Capable of synthesizing phenomena and communicating facts appropriate to the membership
- Willing to assume duties and responsibilities as the Southern District Scholar

The **Taylor Dodson Young Professional Award** recognizes a young professional who has met the following qualifications:

- Member of AAHPERD for at least 5 consecutive years prior to being nominated for the award and lives in the southern district at the time of the award
- Less than 40 years old as of January 1 of the year the award will be presented.
- Contributor within the HPERD fields or to the profession through allied fields
- Be of high moral character whose contributions most fully express the spirit of service which the award represents
- At least 5 years of meritorious service in Southern District and has gained prominence through some of the following: excellence in teaching; outstanding administrative achievement; significant contributions in research; leadership in professional organizations; state and national contributions to professional literature; and/or outstanding community service

The **Ethnic Minority Award** honors persons who have made meaningful contributions in support of ethnic minorities in SDA. Qualifications:

- Current member of AAHPERD having held membership for at least 5 years
- Professional service in K-12, college/university, or community programs in HPERD for a minimum of 5 years prior to nomination
- Evidence of successful service in any two of the three following categories:
 - Record of increasing the involvement of ethnic minorities in SDA
 - Evidence of increasing communication with greater numbers of SDA members who are ethnic minorities
 - Record of extending meaningful professional service to the SDA ethnic minority membership

The **W. Clyde Partin Service Award** recognizes a non-member or organization that has made a significant contribution to the SDA. Qualifications:

- The individual is not a member of AAHPERD nor affiliated with an organization that is part of the Alliance structure
- Has made a significant contribution to SDA in some manner (e.g., through legislation, media, research, promotion, or the creative arts)
- Has aided in the development and promotion of SDA goals and purposes through efforts that support one or several SDA Divisions in their program development and/or planning

The **Future Professional Award** honors an outstanding future professional member of SDA majoring in health, physical education, recreation, dance and/or a professionally-related field. The nominee has displayed leadership, scholarship, and service during his/her undergraduate professional preparation. Qualifications:

- Serves as a positive role model for the profession and his/her peers
- Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth
- Shows evidence of professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and/or national organizations
- Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student when declared the state award recipient and the Southern District recipient

The **Recreation Professional of the Year Award** honors distinguished professionals in the field of leisure and recreation. Qualifications:

- Is an AAHPERD member
- Serves as a positive role model epitomizing the values and desired outcomes of leisure and recreation
- Demonstrates enthusiasm for the recreation profession and is a role model for others
- Shows interest in, and sensitivity to, the needs of students, clients, and fellow professionals
- Utilizes various methodologies and implements creative, innovative, safe, and effective courses and recreation programs based on:
 - the developmental, social, and psychological needs of participants; and
 - the needs, purposes, philosophies, and resources of the sponsoring institution
- Assumes responsibility for professional growth
- Evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in appropriate professional organizations

The **Sport Professional of the Year Award** honors outstanding leaders in the professional domain of sport. A sport professional is defined, as one who conducts sport-related programming, or is an administrator in the educational, private, or public sport-related domains of the SDA Division. The nominees should come from those working in sport-related areas (athletic directors, coaches, athletic trainers, sport management professionals, etc.).

Qualifications:

- Is an AAHPERD member
- Serves as a positive role model epitomizing the values and desired outcomes of sport
- Demonstrates enthusiasm for the sport profession
- Shows interest in, and sensitivity to, the needs of students, clients, and fellow professionals
- Utilizes various methodologies and implements creative, innovative, safe, and effective sport-related courses and programs based on:
 - the developmental, social, and psychological needs of participants; and
 - the needs, purposes, philosophies, and resources of the sponsoring institution's sport-related programs.
- Assumes responsibility for professional growth
- Evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in appropriate professional organizations.

Special Note: If a state does not offer a similar award, an individual from that state may be nominated by a professional colleague with the state board's or awards committee's approval.

The **Jump Rope for Heart & Hoops for Heart Coordinator or the Year Awards** honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the Jump Rope for Heart or Hoops for Heart programs.

Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) Coordinator Award qualifications:

- Is a member of AAHPERD and has been for the past three years
- Has a minimum of five years' experience as an event coordinator, demonstration team coach, state or district coordinator, former steering committee member, former Joint Task Force member, or former Joint Projects Committee member
- Serves as a positive role model, epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, and sportsmanship as well as sensitivity to the needs of JRFH participants
- Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth within AAHPERD-related fields
- Demonstrates commitment to the JRFH program by having served on a local, state, district, or national committee and/or having presented workshops or programs at these levels
- Has served as a JRFH event coordinator

Hoops for Heart (HFH) Coordinator of the Year qualifications:

- Is a member of AAHPERD and has been for the past three years
- Has at least two years of experience with HFH program
- Played an integral role in implementing and shaping the event as an event coordinator, state or district coordinator, and/or former Joint Projects Committee member
- Serves as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, and sportsmanship as well as sensitivity to the needs of HFH participants
- Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth within AAHPERD-related fields
- Demonstrates a commitment to the HFH program by having served on a local, state, district, or national committee and/or having presented workshops or programs at one or more of these levels

SDA and AAHPERD Awards

There are several awards where SDA award recipients' application packets may be submitted for recognition at the national level. Eight awards are included in this category:

- Two Dance Educators of the Year (K-12 and College/University)
- Two Health Education Professionals of the Year (K-12 and College/University)
- One Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year (P-12)
- Three Physical Education Teachers of the Year (Elementary, Middle, and High Schools)

The procedures for these awards use a different process than the SDA only recognition and professional awards.

- All applicants must be members of AAHPERD
- All application packets must follow the process described on the Web sites of the respective national organizations. Following are the Web links to access the appropriate application information:

American Association for Health Education (AAHE)

Health Education Professional of the Year Award:

<http://www.aahperd.org/aahe/events/awards/health-education-professional-of-the-year-award-k-12.cfm>

College/University Health Specialist Award:

<http://www.aahperd.org/aahe/events/awards/college-university-health-education-specialist-award.cfm>

American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation (AAPAR)

Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award:

<http://www.aahperd.org/aapar/people/councils/APACcouncilawards.cfm>

National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE)

Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers of the Year Awards:

<http://www.aahperd.org/naspe/awards/peAwards/toy/applicationmaterials.cfm>

National Dance Association (NDA)

K-12 and College University Dance Educators of the Year Awards:

<http://www.aahperd.org/nda/profDevelopment/honorsAndAwards.cfm>

- Nominations for the awards may be submitted by state associations' boards or awards committees, professional colleagues, or by individuals themselves.
- Application packets must be mailed to the national office for verification of membership prior to consideration as the SDA award recipient. Mail the complete packets to: Judy Young, Vice President for Programs, AAHPERD, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191
- Application packets must be postmarked no later than **October 15**.

At the time applications are mailed to the national office, please notify the SDA Awards Coordinator (Fran Anthony Meyer at fmameyer@aol.com or 540-786-4896) of the individuals whose packets are submitted for specific awards and the date the packets were mailed. Once the national office verifies membership, the applications for the SDA committees will be sent to the SDA Awards Coordinator for verification of eligibility for an SDA award. The coordinator then mails the relevant packets to the respective SDA selection committees.

If there are problems accessing the application and forms on the national associations' Web sites, please contact personnel at the national association offices OR contact the SDA Awards Coordinator, Fran Anthony Meyer at fmameyer@aol.com or 540-786-4896.

Southern District Awards Worksheet

This worksheet can be useful at committee or group brainstorming sessions to identify individuals to potentially nominate for an award at the Southern District level. Please notice the due dates that specific forms must be submitted in nomination.

SDA Recognition Awards	Names of Award Nominees	Due Dates & Where to Mail
SDA Honor Award		By September 15 , send nominations (names and contact information) for these awards to Fran Anthony Meyer , SDA Awards Coordinator, at fmameyer@aol.com ; for questions, you also may call 540-786-4896
SDA Scholar Award		
Taylor Dodson Award		
W. Clyde Partin Service Award		
Ethnic Minority Award		
Future Professional of the Year		
SDA Professionals' Awards	Names of Award Nominees	Due Dates & Where to Mail
Recreation Professional of the Year		See above
Sport Professional of the Year		
JRFH Coordinator of the Year		
HFH Coordinator of the Year		
SDA & AAHPERD Professionals' Awards	Names of Award Nominees	Due Dates & Where to Mail
Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year		By October 15 , send completed packets to Judy Young, Vice President for Programs, AAHPERD, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191, jyoung@aahperd.org
Dance Educator of the Year		
School (K-12)		For tracking purposes, state associations or other nominees are asked to simultaneously E-mail a list of all award nominations submitted to AAHPERD to the SDA Awards Coordinator, Fran Meyer, at fmameyer@aol.com
College/University		
Health Professional of the Year		
School (K-12)		
College/University		
Physical Education Teacher of the Year		
Elementary School		
Middle School		
High School		