

# AAHPERD RECOGNITION AWARDS

## Nomination Procedures and Awards Criteria

1. All Alliance members have the privilege of submitting nominees for each award offered by the Alliance. These awards cover distinctive contributions to the profession. **All Alliance recognition award nominees must be named and materials received with a postmark deadline no later than October 15.** These awards will be presented at the AAHPERD national convention in the spring of each year. The awards are:
  - \* Luther Halsey Gulick Award
  - \* Honor Award
  - \* Charles D. Henry Award
  - \* E. B. Henderson Award
  - \* Mabel Lee Award
  - \* R. Tait McKenzie Award
  - \* William G. Anderson Award
  - \* Social Justice and Diversity Young Professional Award
2. General criteria for awards include the following (specific criteria for each award begins on Page 3):
  - A. Nominations of persons living other than in the United States may be submitted, but persons are expected to possess the qualifications described for the award for which they are nominated.
  - B. Posthumous nominations may be made not later than five years after death of the nominee.
  - C. Individuals currently employed by AAHPERD are ineligible to be considered as a candidate for AAHPERD awards.
  - D. Candidates who are carried over from the previous year shall be considered for awards for not more than two consecutive years; however, the names of such persons may be resubmitted for awards after a one-year interval. No candidate may be considered for the same award for more than two consecutive years.
  - E. A person may be a candidate for no more than one award during any one year. In the event that a nomination for one person is received from two or more different sponsors and the nominations are for different awards, the nominee will be contacted by the staff liaison and asked to make a decision on which award he/she wishes to be considered. Other nominations will be returned to the sponsors by the staff liaison with an explanatory letter, providing an opportunity for the sponsors to submit a recommendation in support of the award to be considered by the committee.
  - F. Individuals currently serving as members of the Recognition Awards Committee are ineligible to be considered as candidates for AAHPERD awards.
3. When making nominations, the sponsor should follow the procedures listed below.
  - A. Send the blank nomination form to the potential nominee. Request that the form be completed and **returned to the sponsor** along with up to five additional pages (typed, double-spaced) featuring the nominee's major contributions. Please caution the nominee that nomination does not insure selection for the award.

The nominees should be advised that **only a total of six pages** (nomination form and five pages of major contributions which may include publications and research articles) will be accepted for this section and forwarded to the committee for review. **Resumes or vitae will not be accepted.** Submissions may be in either a bulleted or narrative format, but should clearly identify what part of the award criteria is being addressed. Materials that do not strictly adhere to the directions for submission will not be considered by the committee and will be returned to the sponsor.

- B. The sponsor and one other member of the Alliance (the nomination supporter) must each write a letter setting forth the reasons they believe the contributions made by the nominee are deserving of national recognition. Both the sponsor and supporter must be Alliance members. Direct the

letters to the committee chair. (Note: there is no page limit on the letters; however, they should specifically address the criteria for the award.) **No more than two letters will be accepted for each nominee.**

- C. The sponsor or supporter of each nominee is responsible for providing a biographical sketch for use, if needed, in the official convention program book. This citation is a 250 to 300-word sketch outlining the contributions of the honoree and how those contributions are deserving of national recognition. Guidelines are included below.
- D. **The following information must be submitted simultaneously** to the Recognition Awards Committee staff liaison, Patti Hartle via mail at AAHPERD, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191 or via email at [phartle@aaahperd.org](mailto:phartle@aaahperd.org) **and be postmarked no later than October 15.** Any materials postmarked after October 15 will be held for the following year:
- The completed nomination form
  - Up to five (5) pages featuring the nominee's major contributions
  - One letter from the nomination sponsor
  - One letter from the nomination supporter
  - The biographical sketch
- E. **Please note that submission of the following material is *optional* at the time of nomination submission and is *not* a requirement for the nomination packet to be considered for review:** The sponsor, supporter, or nominee is requested to provide a photo (color or black & white) for use, if needed, in the official convention program book and the Recognition Awards Ceremony presentation. Photos may be submitted electronically to [phartle@aaahperd.org](mailto:phartle@aaahperd.org) or via mail to Patti Hartle at the address listed above. Photo specifications are noted below:

*Electronic:* 300 dpi JPEG file (if the resolution is less, please make sure that the size of the image is at least six inches). Helpful Hint: To check the resolution—right click on the file (the file does not need to be open), scroll down to “Properties” and select the “Summary” tab. If no information is showing, click “Advanced”. Resolution information should be available within this tab.

*Prints:* At least 2 ½ x 3 ½ inches (wallet size). Please include the nominee's name on the back of the photo. The photo will be returned to the nominee at the conclusion of the selection process.

4. All nomination forms and letters will be forwarded to members of the Recognition Awards Committee who will select the award recipients. **Please note that any photographs submitted with the nomination forms will remain with the AAHPERD staff liaison and will not be provided to the awards committee as part of the nomination packet.** Sponsors will be notified concerning the decisions made by the Committee.

### **Program Book Citation Guidelines**

The citation information is **required** as part of the nomination process for all Recognition Award nominees. Please note that the citation may be edited and that bylines are not printed in the program book.

- ☆ Open the citation with the honoree's name.
- ☆ Except for the opening line, or for emphasis, use the honoree's first name in the sketch.
- ☆ Focus on **why** the honoree has received the award (i.e., address how he/she meets the award criteria). Focus on a few of the honoree's **most significant** accomplishments and contributions.
- ☆ Note service to AAHPERD.
- ☆ Briefly mention other awards the honoree has received.
- ☆ Use no more than 250-300 words.
- ☆ **Return the citation to the national office as part of the nomination submission.**

## CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

### A. The Luther Halsey Gulick Medal

The Luther Halsey Gulick Medal is awarded as the highest honor the American Alliance can bestow in recognition of long and distinguished service to one or more of the professions represented in the Alliance. It shall be presented annually (unless the committee agrees that no worthy candidate has been nominated for any given year) at the Alliance Convention. Not more than one Gulick Award shall be given each year. The recipient shall:

1. Be clearly outstanding in his/her profession.
2. Exemplify the best in service, research, teaching and/or administration.
3. Be recognized by members of the Alliance as a noteworthy leader.
4. Be the type of person whose life and contributions could inspire youth to live vigorously, courageously, and freely as citizens in a free society.
5. Currently be a member of the Alliance and shall have held such membership for at least 10 years.
6. Have been formally recognized by his/her peers by some form of national award for outstanding professional contributions, e.g., an AAHPERD Honor Award.

### B. The R. Tait McKenzie Award

The R. Tait McKenzie Awards provide the means through which the Alliance recognizes significant contributions of its members made outside the framework of the Alliance, but which reflect prestige, honor, and dignity on the Alliance. The awards shall be presented at the Alliance Convention. Not more than two McKenzie Awards may be given each year. The recipient(s) shall:

1. Be an active member of the Alliance.
2. Have made significant contributions through work outside the normal work of the Alliance (e.g., government, general education, public health, international affairs, etc.), which reflect favorably on the Alliance.
3. Be highly regarded by his/her professional peers.

**C. The Mabel Lee Award**

The Mabel Lee Awards provide the means through which the Alliance recognizes its younger members who have demonstrated outstanding potential in scholarship, teaching, and/or professional leadership. The Mabel Lee Awards will be chosen in two membership categories, "college and university" and "non-college and university." A maximum of two awards may be presented in each category in a given year. The recipients shall have demonstrated a quality of performance that, if continued, indicates that they will develop into distinguished members of the profession. The awards shall be presented at the Alliance convention. The recipients shall:

1. Be active members of the Alliance.
2. Be less than 36 years of age as of October 15 of the year of nomination submission.
3. Have demonstrated outstanding potential in scholarship, teaching, and/or professional leadership as reflected by (a) exemplary teaching abilities; (b) significant publications; (c) citations, awards, or other recognition for outstanding teaching, coaching, administration, or performing; or (d) active leadership roles in district and/or national associations of the Alliance.

**D. The William G. Anderson Award**

The Anderson Award provides the means through which the Alliance recognizes persons who are not Alliance members and who, by the nature of their profession, would not be served by the Alliance or its Association structures, but who have contributed significantly to the general purposes of the Alliance and/or those of the Associations that comprise the Alliance. The awards shall be presented at the Alliance convention. Not more than three Anderson Awards may be given each year. Organizations are not eligible for consideration in this award category. The recipients shall:

1. Not be members of the Alliance.
2. Be at least 40 years of age as of October 15 of the year of nomination submission.
3. Have made important contributions to health education, physical education, sports, recreation, dance, and/or safety education from the vantage point of their profession (medicine, public health, general education, government, etc.).

## **E. The Honor Award**

These awards shall recognize meritorious contributions on the part of members of the Alliance in the two membership categories "college and university" and "non-college and university." A maximum of five awards may be presented in each category in a given year. The awards shall be presented with ceremony to the recipient at the time of the national convention.

1. Candidates nominated in the "college and university" category shall have served professionally in the college or university setting for a period of at least ten years prior to nomination. Candidates need not be currently employed within this category. Candidates may be retired or may have moved on to other positions. Applicants should address only the work done within the category criteria.
2. Candidates nominated in the "non-college and university" category shall have served professionally in school (pre-school, elementary, secondary), or community programs for a period of at least ten years prior to nomination. Candidates need not be currently employed within this category. Candidates may be retired or may have moved on to other positions. Applicants should address only the work done within the category criteria.
3. Candidates shall be persons of personal integrity who exemplify the spirit of devoted service to the professions and who have by their leadership and industry made an outstanding and noteworthy contribution to the advancement of health, physical education, recreation, or dance.
4. Candidates shall be at least 35 years of age as of October 15 of the year of nomination submission and shall have preparation in one or more areas of professional concern of the Alliance.
5. To indicate leadership or meritorious contribution, the professional candidates shall present evidence of successful experience in any five or more categories of service from the following:
  - a. Offices - Leadership
    - (1) A member of the Board of Governors of the American Alliance.
    - (2) President of a national AAHPERD Association.
    - (3) President of a district AAHPERD Association.
    - (4) President of a state AHPERD Association.
    - (5) Chair of a section or council in an association of the Alliance, a district of the Alliance or outstanding long-term service in state associations of HPERD.
    - (6) President of an organization recognized as affiliated or closely allied with the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

b. Committee Work

- (7) Chair of a committee of the American Alliance.
- (8) Committee work over a period of three years or more with local, state, district, or the national organization either in American Alliance or with an organization promoting the same general objectives as the Alliance or an organization affiliated with it.

c. Writing - Research

- (9) Systematic research which has helped advance the profession.
- (10) Author or co-author of one or more books on health, physical education, recreation or dance.
- (11) Author of five or more articles accepted and published by magazines of national scope or brought out in monograph form.
- (12) Articles for handbooks, newspapers, and magazines not covered in c. (10).

d. Speaking-Teaching-Coaching-Performing-Supervising-Directing

- (13) Significant addresses before educational groups, conventions, assemblies, luncheon meetings, radio presentations, and such other meetings held in the interest and promotion of health, physical education, recreation and dance.
- (14) Recognized outstanding school or college teaching or coaching performance and/or an administrative leadership ability and success.
- (15) Outstanding contributions to HPERD through success in the medium of performing arts.
- (16) Outstanding achievements in HPERD through program supervision or directing in school systems or communities, departments or agencies.
- (17) An outstanding, original contribution to the profession, that has affected its philosophy or practices, not included in the above.

**F. The Charles D. Henry Award**

This award provides the means through which the Alliance recognizes essential contributions of its members who, through distinguished service to the Alliance (or its component structures): increase involvement of ethnic minorities in AAHPERD; increase communication with greater numbers of ethnic minority members; and extend meaningful services to AAHPERD ethnic minorities. The award shall be in the form of a plaque to be presented in ceremony to the recipient at the National Convention. If the recipient is unable to attend the National Convention, arrangements may be made for the presentation at the District or State Convention. Not more than one Henry Award shall be given each year.

The recipient shall:

1. Currently be a member of the Alliance and shall have held such membership for at least five years.
2. Have served professionally in school (preschool, elementary, secondary), college or community programs in HPERD for a period of at least five years prior to nomination.
3. Present evidence of successful services in any two of the three following categories:
  - a. Record of increasing involvement of ethnic minorities in AAHPERD.
  - b. Record of increasing communications with greater numbers of AAHPERD ethnic minority members.
  - c. Record of extending meaningful professional services to AAHPERD ethnic minority members.

**G. The E. B. Henderson Award**

This award recognizes AAHPERD members who, through numerous years of proven dedication to scholarship, mentorship, and service to ethnic minorities, have increased involvement of ethnic minorities and/or underserved populations within their profession, AAHPERD, or society. This award is restricted to minority candidates (including but not limited to, Asian, African, Hispanic, and Native American) as defined by the U. S. Government\*. *Previous recipients of the E. B. Henderson Award given under the Ethnic Minority Council or AAHPERD Social Justice and Diversity Committee are ineligible.* No more than two Henderson awards shall be given annually during the AAHPERD Recognition Awards Ceremony at the annual convention.

\*The U. S. Government approach (based on the collection of census data) is to accept individual self identification of minority status.

The recipient(s) shall:

1. Currently be an Alliance member and have been a member continuously for at least 10 years prior to nomination.
2. Have served professionally in HPERD settings for at least 10 years prior to nomination.
3. Have demonstrated successful and exemplary involvement in scholarship.
4. Have a record of increasing involvement of ethnic minorities and/or underserved populations in AAHPERD and the professions it serves through:
  - a. Service to the professions and AAHPERD or its components.
  - b. Identification as an active and respected mentor for students and other colleagues.

## H. The Social Justice and Diversity Young Professional Award

This award is given to a minority member of AAHPERD who is 40 years old or younger *and* who has demonstrated superior promise in the areas of service, teaching, scholarship and commitment to the goals of the Alliance focusing specifically on under-represented and/or underserved populations and promotion of social justice and diversity. This award is unique from the Mabel Lee Award in requiring minority status (as defined by the U. S. Government\*) as a criterion and in acknowledging the later age for completing education and establishing a pattern of contribution. *Previous recipients of the Young Professional Award given under the Ethnic Minority Council or AAHPERD Social Justice and Diversity Committee are ineligible.* No more than one Young Professional award shall be given annually during the AAHPERD Recognition Awards Ceremony at the annual convention.

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The recipient shall:

1. Be a current, actively involved minority member of the Alliance.
2. Be forty years of age or younger as of October 15 of the year of nomination submission.
3. Have demonstrated outstanding potential in scholarship, teaching, and/or professional leadership.
4. Have evidence of recognized teaching ability, significant publications and citations, awards, or other recognition for outstanding teaching, coaching, administration, or performance.
5. Have evidence of active leadership roles in advancing social justice and diversity in the profession(s).

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