

CPA MARYANN JEFFERIES LEADERSHIP AWARD

PHILOSOPHY

Physiotherapist Assistants play a critical role in physiotherapy service delivery and are important contributors to the profession. An individual who promotes the recognition of the role of Assistants through leadership, education, or volunteerism is a highly valued contributor to the profession. Leadership should be fostered and supported by the Association within all sectors of membership by recognizing unique and/or lasting contributions.

HISTORY

The Maryann Jefferies Leadership Award was initiated in 2006, two years following the establishment of the National Physiotherapist Assistant Assembly (NPAA). The award was first presented in 2007. The Award was designed to recognize the unique contributions made by members of CPA's NPAA to Assembly leadership, volunteerism, and raising awareness of the role of Assistants within the physiotherapy profession.

BACKGROUND

The award is named in honour of Maryann Jefferies, a physiotherapist who was instrumental during the 1990s and 2000s in raising the profile of the role of PTAs and ensuring high standards for academic and practical preparation of graduates. Maryann was involved with the development of the Ontario Ministry of Education's Physiotherapist Assistant Program Standards as well as the Canadian Physiotherapy Association's Support Worker Competency Profile. She was involved in the expansion of CPA's Affiliate Category to include Physiotherapist Assistants and Aides, which evolved in 2004 to the launch of the National Support Worker Assembly, now the National Physiotherapist Assistant Assembly. Maryann retired from Humber College in June 2006, the same year that the Assembly introduced its leadership award.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Maryann Jefferies Leadership Award reflects that Physiotherapy Assistants play a critical role in physiotherapy service delivery and are important contributors to the profession. It recognizes CPA Physiotherapist Assistant members who have enhanced the role of physiotherapy support personnel within the profession through a unique or long-term contribution.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The award recipient's peers must recognize the individual as having enhanced the role of Assistants within the profession and the Association in a unique manner and through outstanding service. This significant contribution must be unique in nature or must be demonstrated over at least three of the last five years of NPAA membership and service to the profession and to the Association at a local and/or national level.

Example of activities that will be considered include, but are not limited to:

- Involvement in raising the profile of the National Physiotherapist Assistant Assembly amongst Assistants.
- Involvement in raising the profile of the role of Assistants within the physiotherapy profession nationally and/or provincially.
- Leadership which serves to motivate others to become involved in Assembly activities.
- Involvement and leadership in professional or public awareness activities that raise the profile of the profession.
- Mentoring colleagues.
- Collaborating with other health professionals to enhance patient care.

ELIGIBILITY

The individual must be a Physiotherapist Assistant with current CPA/NPAA membership.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATE

The CPA Awards Committee, in consultation with the President of the NPAA or delegate, will select the recipient.

PRESENTATION

Award(s) will be presented annually at Congress. In a year where Congress is not occurring, an alternate opportunity to present the awards will be organized.

FORM OF AWARD

- Recognition at Congress
- A framed certificate signed by the CPA President and CPA Awards Committee Chair
- \$200 towards Congress registration

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominations must be made by either a CPA member or CPA Component (CPA Branch, CPA Division, or CPA Assembly). All nominations are confidential between the nominator(s) and the CPA Awards Committee.

The nomination must include:

1. At least two but not more than four letters of recommendation, none of which shall exceed four pages. At least one letter of recommendation will be from a physiotherapist and one from a member of the NPAA. The letters must outline the uniqueness of the individual and how she/he meets the criteria for the award.
2. One of the nominators must be identified as the primary nominator.
3. Curriculum Vitae of the candidate.





NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted online no later than the communicated closing date.

