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CPA PARTNERSHIP AWARD

**The CPA awards program runs on a biennial basis, aligning with CPA Congress (even years). Only the Helen Saarinen Rahikka Student Leadership Award will be open for nominations during non-Congress (odd) years.*

Philosophy

CPA's Partnership Award recognizes that our best work cannot be done alone. Teams, organizations, external opinions, and experts in many different roles with different skill sets contribute to our excellence as a profession and as an Association.

History

The Partnership Award was initiated by the CPA Board of Directors in 1991. The first award was presented at the 1992 Congress in Saskatoon to the University of Alberta Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine in recognition of the "Building for Tomorrow" campaign. In 2004, the Awards Committee opened the award nomination process to all members in recognition of the positive impact that partnerships could have at all levels of the Association and the profession.

Purpose

The purpose of the Partnership Award is to recognize an organization or group that has significantly advanced the objectives, image and ideals of the physiotherapy profession through leadership and active partnership with the CPA. The contribution should be national in scope and sustained over an extended period.

Criteria for Selection

The organization or group will have demonstrated commitment to excellence in physiotherapy, to promotion and growth of the profession and to the mission of the CPA through productive and successful partnerships. This commitment may be evident through:

- sponsorship
- philanthropy
- support of education and professional development
- entrepreneurship



Eligibility

The organization or group must be external to the Association and not exist solely for the provision of physiotherapy services.

Selection of Candidate

The CPA Awards Committee will select the recipient.

Presentation

The award will be presented biennially at Congress.

Form of Award

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

Nomination Procedures

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 three letters of recommendation, none of which shall exceed four pages. At least one letter of recommendation will be from a CPA member or CPA Component, and that member or Component shall be identified as the primary nominator.
2. The letters must outline the uniqueness of the organization or group and how it meets the criteria for the award.
3. Detailed description of the organization.

Nomination Process

The call for nominations typically launches at the end of the year (December), through a CPA member e-blast. Nominations must be submitted online, typically by the end of February the following year. Award winners and primary nominators will be notified in April.