

JOAN M. MILLS AWARD

Purpose:

This award, established in 1980 in Honor of the Section on Geriatric's first President Joan M. Mills, is presented to a Section on Geriatrics member who has given outstanding service to the section.

Rationale:

As the Section's first president, Joan Mills had the vision, determination, and dedication to unite geriatric physical therapists in their commitment to excellence in physical therapy delivery to older adults. Her years of leadership and participation have led to the growth and development of the Section, as well as to the growth and development of new leaders to continue promoting the mission of the Section. The intent of this award is to recognize a member who has followed in Joan M. Mills' footsteps, generously contributing his/her time, talents, and efforts to the development of the Section.

Criteria:

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must:

1. Be a current member of the Section on Geriatrics
2. Have actively participated in Section on Geriatrics activities, given generously and willingly of time and effort for a minimum of three years.
3. Have been engaged in the field of gerontology/geriatrics for a minimum of five years.
4. Have served as a committee member, committee chair, or voting member of the Board of Directors of the Section on Geriatrics.
5. Have demonstrated valuable service to the Section through areas of leadership, personal influence, achievements, or frequent and sustained work toward development of the section.

Nomination Process:

1. A current member of the Section on Geriatrics must nominate the individual
2. Nominations should be submitted electronically as one complete document (Word or pdf), and include:
 - a. A letter of nomination, addressed to the Awards Committee, describing how and why the nominee meets the criteria
 - b. A copy of the nominee's current resume or CV.
3. Nominations must be received by November 1 each year.

All nominations will be reviewed by the Section President and at least 3 previous Joan Mills award recipients.

The Award shall be presented at the Business Meeting during APTA Combined Sections Meeting, usually held in February of each year. It shall consist of a plaque and watch.

Mail nominations to:

geriatrics@apta.org

Questions? 800/999-2782 x3238