

LYNN PHILLIPPI ADVOCACY FOR OLDER ADULTS AWARD

Purpose:

To recognize projects or programs in clinical practice, educational, or administrative settings which provide strong models of effective advocacy for older adults by challenging and changing ageism.

Rationale:

In her years of service to the Section, as committee member, elected Board of Directors member, and editor of *GeriNotes*, Lynn Phillippi has provided a wonderful role model of effective advocacy for our older patients and their families. She has helped many of us to examine our attitudes and question our beliefs about aging and being old. Her tireless efforts to communicate and educate physical therapists serving aging adults has been a positive influence on professional development of her peers and on the quality of life of older persons.

Criteria:

The project or program should demonstrate one or more of the following:

1. Assist peers, patients, or members of the community to recognize the influence of "ageism" and promote positive aspects of aging.
2. Provide a mechanism to positively impact on ageism.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the project or program in reducing ageism.
4. Serve as a recognized model of change for other settings.

Application Process:

1. A member of the Section on Geriatrics must nominate individuals or organizations whose advocacy for older adults meets the intent and criteria of the award.
2. Three letters of nomination, addressed to the Awards Committee, are necessary:
 - a. From the SOG member, describing how and why the project/program should be recognized.
 - b. From a "consumer" (an older person, staff person, or caregiver) who participated in the program, describing the impact of the program,
 - c. From a representative of the administration or organization which sponsored the program, describing the value and effect of the program,
3. A letter, brochure, newspaper article or other description of the program must accompany the letters of recommendation. It should include information on:
 - a. The goals of the program or project
 - b. The setting and dates of the project
 - c. The outcome of the project
4. Nominations must be submitted electronically as one complete document (Word or pdf), and received by November 1 each year.

All nominations will be reviewed by at least 3 members of the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee Chair will notify the Section Board of Directors of the Committee's selection.

The award shall be presented at the Business Meeting during the APTA Combined Sections Meeting, usually held in February of each year. It shall consist of a certificate and a \$200 donation to the charity or organization of the awardee's choice.

Mail nominations to:

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Questions? 800/999-2782 x3238