

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Purpose:

To identify and mentor physical therapy and physical therapist assistant students who have demonstrated an interest in the practice of geriatric physical therapy.

Rationale:

Developing interest in the practice of geriatric physical therapy is a priority to the Section and to the older community. Students are challenged in developing this interest in the clinical setting due to the restraints imposed by Medicare. Students are more likely to remain interested in the older population when they have positive reinforcement of their interest. By awarding Section memberships to these students, we are assisting the advancement of their knowledge, dedication and passion to working with older adults.

Criteria:

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must be:

1. A member of APTA
2. Enrolled fulltime in an accredited educational PT or PTA program, residency or fellowship.
3. In good academic standing
4. Demonstrated an interest in geriatrics as evidenced by special course work in the area of geriatrics, had an exceptional clinical experience in the area of geriatrics or some other aspect that indicates the student as having special interest in geriatrics, such as, research project, case studies, special presentations, volunteering, etc.

Nomination Process:

1. Any current member of the Section on Geriatrics or a faculty member who teaches the geriatric content at the university may nominate any PT or PTA student.
2. Completion of a post card or e-mail of nomination that describes how and why the nominee meets the criteria. Nominator should provide nominee's full name or APTA member number
3. Nominations must be returned to the Section office by January 15

The awards committee will review the nominations to verify they meet the qualifications. The final award winners will be drawn during the business meeting at Combined Sections Meeting. There will be up to 5 PTA and 5PT students selected to receive one year membership to the Section free.

E- Mail nominations to:

geriatrics@apta.org