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NASPE – MIDWEST DISTRICT AHPERD – ILLINOIS AHPERD

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECONDARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR Application Packet

Definition

A school physical educator is defined for the purposes of this award as an individual who has a major responsibility teaching physical education at his/her level for a specific school or school system.

Eligibility Requirements

Any physical educator, who meets the eligibility requirements and exemplifies the criteria for this award, as outlined below, may apply or be nominated by a colleague.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. Current membership in NASPE/AAHPERD required for Midwest and National TOY;
2. Current membership in IAHPERD required for Illinois TOY;
3. Degree in and certification as a physical education teacher;
4. Minimum of five (5) years teaching experience in physical education;
5. Full-time teaching contract, current at the time of nomination and selection;
6. Minimum of 60% of total teaching responsibility is teaching physical education classes.
7. Current Physical Educator of the Year recipients will present sessions at the IAHPERD State Convention in November

Please Note: Current members of the NASPE Board or Directors and the Physical Education Steering Committee; members of the NASPE Teacher of the Year Awards Committee within the last three years; members of the ES, MS, HS PE TOY Selection Committees at the national level within the last three years; former district or national NASPE physical education Teachers of the Year; and recipients of NASPE Teacher of the Year awards at the state level within the last three years are **not** eligible to apply for the National Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award.

Levels

Teachers may have responsibility for teaching grades that cross the different levels, but may submit applications for one level only. Teachers should apply for the level that represents 50% or more of their physical education teaching assignment.

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| 1. Elementary | K through 5 th Grade |
| 2. Middle School | 6 th through 8 th Grade |
| 3. High School | 9 th through 12 th Grade |

Award Criteria

For the purposes of this award, a school physical educator is defined as an individual whose primary teaching responsibility is physical education, at his/her level, in a specific school or school system. The applicant must be a teacher who:

1. Conducts a quality physical education program as reflected in NASPE standards and guidelines for K through 12th grade physical education programs;
2. Utilizes various teaching methodologies and plans innovative learning experiences to meet the needs of all students;
3. Serves as a positive role model who epitomizes personal health and fitness, enjoys activity, reflects sportsmanship, and shows sensitivity to the needs of students;
4. Participates in professional development opportunities;
5. Provides service to the profession through leadership, presentations, and/or writing. Serves on state/district/national committees and/or presents at workshops or programs at these levels.

For purposes of this award, the applicant will answer the following essay questions (limit one page each):

1. What is your philosophy of teaching physical education?
2. What makes your physical education program different from other physical education programs?

Application Directions

1. The Illinois Physical Educator of the Year application packets can be obtained at: www.iahperd.org. This application is identical to the NASPE application form on the AAHPERD website. Please use this form.
2. All application, publicity forms, and essays must be filled out completely and typed using Times New Roman 12 point font or Arial 10 point font.
3. Include a 3 ½" x 2 ½" (wallet size) photograph that will not be returned (for Illinois TOY publicity only)
4. Applications that are forwarded to AAHPERD for National consideration must be on forms that are included in this packet and comply with all guidelines described here or they will not be considered. Application, support materials, and publicity forms remain unchanged from the beginning of the selection process (State) through participation at the Midwest District and National levels.
5. **Three (3) typed letters of recommendation should be included in the application.** The letters should be one to two pages in length with content directly related to the Award Criteria listed above. One letter must be from the current principal; additional letters may be from colleagues or parents or others who are familiar with the work of the applicant. **It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the recommendations addresses the Award Criteria.**
6. Applicants must address each of the Awards Criteria (1-5) listed above as it applies to his/her teaching position. In addition, applicants must submit responses to the two essay questions. Major consideration for the award will be given to the information provided. In describing your qualifications under each criterion and essay question, specifically address innovation, major accomplishments, and significance to the field.
7. A 30-minute videotape is a requirement for consideration for National Teacher of the Year. The videotape guidelines are explained in this packet.

State and AAHPERD Midwest District Selection and Recognition Timeline

1. IAHPERD District Presidents must receive the Illinois Physical Education Teacher of the Year application packet from the candidate by **March 1**. Send your application to your state-district president. Contact information for all Illinois District Presidents is available on the IAHPERD Website: www.iahperd.org. **The State Association (IAHPERD) will re-direct all submitted names and applications for Physical Education Teacher of the Year to the appropriate IAHPERD District President or appointed designee.**
2. State District Presidents will present their District winners to the IAHPERD Recognition/Awards Committee by **April 15**.
3. The IAHPERD Recognition/Awards Committee will present one candidate for Elementary, Middle School, and Secondary School TOY for approval at the late **April** meeting of the IAHPERD Executive Board. The state winners will be contacted in early **May**.
4. The IAHPERD Recognition/Awards Committee will submit the Illinois Physical Education TOY winners and their applications to AAHPERD, Office of the Vice President of Programs, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191, **and** to the Midwest District Recognition/Awards Committee by **August 15**.
5. The Midwest District Physical Education TOY (three levels) will be selected at the annual meeting of the Midwest District leadership in **late September or early October**. All winners of this award will be officially notified by Midwest District within two weeks of the Midwest District AAHPERD Leadership Conference. The Midwest District Awards Committee will forward the winner's application packets to the NASPE TOY Program, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20191-1599, no later than **December 15**.
6. For AAHPERD Midwest District TOY winners, a videotape of a lesson is a requirement to participate in the selection process for National Teacher of the Year at the AAHPERD National Convention. The videotape is due to: NASPE TOY Program, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20191-1599, no later than **February 1**. This is the sole responsibility of the candidate.
7. It is recommended that all Midwest District TOY winners review the NASPE website for other important information.
8. The six (6) AAHPERD District candidates for NASPE TOY must be members of AAHPERD and NASPE and must attend the AAHPERD National Convention at their own expense where an independent committee will review the applications and interview the candidates. This selection committee will choose the National Teacher of the Year from the six (6) district finalists.

Videotape Guidelines for NASPE District Teachers of the Year

A videotape of a lesson is a requirement for AAHPERD Midwest District recipients participating in the selection process for National Teacher of the Year at the AAHPERD National Convention.

The videotape is due to NASPE TOY Program, 1900 Association Drive, Reston, VA, 20191-1599, **no later than February 1**.

The purpose of this videotape is to provide a sample of your teaching and interactions with students. As a teacher you understand that while interviews and applications are important, there is no substitute for watching someone teach in their typical school setting. The following guidelines and recommendations will help you prepare the videotape:

1. The video may be from any of your classes but must come from only one class at the level for which you are a candidate. The tape must be **no longer than 30 minutes**. The committee will review only the first 30 minutes of video. You should not edit the tape. There should be no breaks in the filming. We realize that few class periods are exactly and only 30 minutes long, so you can decide whether you are going to film the first 30 running minutes or pick up filming at some other point in your lesson and submit a written introduction to "set the stage" and cue reviewers as to what has happened prior to the beginning of the tape. **This specific state-setting introduction may be sent in with your tape.** We encourage you to make several tapes and submit the best one. Be sure that your verbal directions and comments to students can be heard by wearing a wireless microphone that the camera can pick up on audio. It is recognized that the "total spectrum" of teaching cannot be "captured" in 30 minutes.

2. The tape should show how you teach a typical class in your regular schedule. Do not include special activities, (i.e. jump rope team, juggling team, or other special events). Try to demonstrate your organization, instruction, pacing, transitions, active learning time, time on task, teacher movement, feedback, interaction with students, classroom management, etc. You should include portions of student practice where you are interacting directly with students.
3. **Write an introduction or preface to the lesson** that will put the lesson in the context of the unit and overall physical education program. It can set the stage for the day's lesson and explain what has happened before or after the 30 minute video snap-shot. This summary should include the following information: placement of lesson in the unit, what occurred before and will occur after this lesson, the type of assessment used with this lesson/unit, and a clearly stated instructional goal. Other things that may be included in the introduction are: 1) school demographics, 2) grade level of the class, 3) number of students in the class, 4) length of class period, 5) how often the class meets, 6) information on the activity being presented, 7) specific content and skills being practiced.
4. The videotape must be accompanied by this **introduction** and a **complete lesson plan**. Indicate, in the lesson plan, the section which will appear on the video if only a part of the lesson can fit into the 30 minutes.
5. Video specifications:
 - The video should be the highest quality possible using the very best video recorder that you can find, digital preferred. There must be a very clear audio track and the TOY should wear a wireless microphone.
 - Format: NTSC video: Windows Media Video (.avi, .wmv), QuickTime (.mov), MPEG (.mpg)
 - Resolution: 640x480 px or 320x240 px (It can be bigger than 640x480, but not under 320x240)
 - Make sure to burn a **DATA** dvd or cd, **not** a MOVIE DVD or CD. (We cannot extract the movie from a Movie DVD to make it into a streaming video.)

If you have to film in a VHS format or some other format, please have the video transferred to the specifications listed before sending it to NASPE.

YOUR VIDEOS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN **FEBRUARY 1** AND MAILED TO:

- NASPE TOY PROGRAM, 1900 ASSOCIATION DRIVE, RESTON, VIRGINIA, 20191-1599.
YOUR VIDEOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED. We highly recommend that you keep a copy.
Be sure to submit a 30 minute video, an introduction, and a complete lesson plan. Do not send in the whole unit plan.
- WE DO NOT ACCEPT PORTFOLIOS AS PART OF THIS PROCESS. (Portfolios may not be presented at/during the interview)
- CONTACT NASPE IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS: naspe@aahperd.org or 703-476-3410.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION,
RECREATION AND DANCE**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-5) PHYSICAL EDUCATION
MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8) PHYSICAL EDUCATION
SECONDARY SCHOOL (9-12) PHYSICAL EDUCATION
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**NASPE TEACHER OF THE YEAR
OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM**

To be completed by nominee

Detach the application and the publication forms from the rest of the packet and send them along with your responses to the 5 award criteria, 2 essays, 3 letters of recommendation, and 1 wallet sized photo to your IAHPERD District President by **March 1**.

Check the award that fits your professional qualifications:

- Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year (K-5) _____
- Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year (6-8) _____
- Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year (9-12) _____

Applicant's Name:

Name You Wish To Be Called:

Name to Use in Writing (certificates, press releases, etc.)

Home Address:

City/State/Zip:

Home Phone:

Home Email Address:

Present Position/Title:

School Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip

School Phone:

FAX:

School Email:

Educational Information:

College/University

Major

Bachelors Degree

Masters Degree

Doctoral/Prof. Degree

Career Information:

Position

Location

Length of Service

Professional Affiliations:

NASPE/AAHPERD Membership #:
NASPE Activities (offices, articles, etc.)

Expiration Date:

Years of Membership:

District AAHPERD:
District Offices/Divisions or Project Activities:

State AHPERD

Membership #:

Expiration Date:

Years of Membership:

Other Professional Affiliations:

Significant Achievements in the Field of Physical Education:

Community Service:

(Type and Dates.)

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION AND DANCE

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-5) PHYSICAL EDUCATION
MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8) PHYSICAL EDUCATION
SECONDARY SCHOOL (9-12) PHYSICAL EDUCATION
TEACHER OF THE YEAR (TOY)**

**NASPE TEACHER OF THE YEAR
PUBLICITY FORM**

To be completed by nominee

State: **ILLINOIS**

AAHPERD District: **MIDWEST DISTRICT**

Applicant's Full Name:

Applicant's Home Address:

Applicant's Home Email Address:

Applicant's Work Email Address:

Applicant's Home Phone:

Applicant's Work Phone:

School District Information:

Superintendent's Name:

Address:

Superintendent's Email Address:

Phone:

Principal's Name:

Principal's Email Address:

Phone:

Program/Dept Chair's Name and Title:

Dept Chair's Email Address:

Phone:

School District Name:

Administrative Offices Address:

School District Public Relations Officer:

PR Officer's Email Address:

Phone:

Newspapers:

Newspaper #1:

Address:

Phone:

Editors Email Address:

Editor:

FAX:

Newspaper #2:

Address:

Phone:

Contact Person's Email Address:

Editor:

FAX:

Television Station:

Station Name/Call Letters:

Address:

Phone:

Editors Email Address:

Contact Person:

FAX:

Station Name/Call Letters:

Address:

Phone:

Editors Email Address:

Contact Person:

FAX:

Government Officials:

State Legislator:
Address:
Email Address:

U.S. Congress Rep:
Address:
Email Address:

U.S. Senator:
Address:
Email Address:

U.S. Senator:
Address:
Email Address:

Others: list others, including titles and addresses, to which your progress in this program should be reported. Use additional sheets if necessary.

CHECKLIST FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES

- ✓ Complete official ILLINOIS/ NASPE Application Form
- ✓ Attach separate sheets, one page (1) maximum for each of the five Award Criteria listed in this packet. **THE APPLICANT SHOULD OUTLINE QUALIFICATIONS RELEVANT TO THAT CRITERION.** Major consideration for the award will be based on these criteria.
- ✓ Attach three (3) letters of recommendation in the application. Letters should be one to two pages in length with the content directly related to the Award Criteria listed in this packet. One letter must be from the current principal; additional letters may be from a colleague, or parents or others who are familiar with the work of the applicant. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure the content of the recommendations meets the Award Criteria.
- ✓ Attach the two (2) essay questions in the application.
- ✓ Include a 3 1/2" x 2 1/2" (wallet size) photograph that will not be returned (for Illinois TOY publicity only)
- ✓ Complete ILLINOIS/NASPE Publicity Release Form in this packet.
- ✓ **IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS MIDWEST AAHPERD TEACHER OF THE YEAR:**
 - Your class video tape is due to NASPE by February 1.
 - You may be asked to submit your application packet to NASPE by December 15.
 - You will be recognized at the Illinois AAHPERD State Convention in November.
- ✓ **IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS A MIDWEST DISTRICT/NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR:**
 - You will be asked to sign a contract developed by SPORTIME and NASPE.
 - The contract is designed to clarify the opportunities and responsibilities of the National/District Teachers of the Year
 - The NASPE Teachers of the Year shall be honored and preside as District/National TOY for the period beginning with end of the AAHPERD National Convention in the year of their selection to the end of the following AAHPERD Convention.

The responsibilities of NASPE, SPORTIME, and the NASPE District/National Teacher of the Year are listed in the NASPE Website under NASPE Awards. Please familiarize yourself with these expectations.

- naspe@aahperd.org
- www.aahperd.org/naspe
- NASPE Office: 703-476-3410
- NASPE FAX: 703-476-8316
- 1900 Association Drive, Reston Virginia, 20191