SHAPE Florida Awards: DEFINED

Peter Everett Honor Award

SHAPE Florida’s most prestigious award, the Peter Everett Honor Award, is bestowed in recognition of outstanding professional contributions to SHAPE Florida professions. Normally awarded to a long term SHAPE Florida member who has served at several levels - local, state and district and/or nationally. Meritorious service and distinctive leadership are two important criteria for consideration for this award. No more than two (2) such awards may be awarded each year.

Don Knitt Service Award (Approved by May 2009 Board)

The Don Knitt Service Award recognizes an individual SHAPE Florida member(s) making a significant contribution to the SHAPE Florida organization. This award shall be given when uniquely deserved and is therefore not necessarily an annual event, though multiple awards may be presented in any year. The Don Knitt Service Award shall be awarded by SHAPE Florida and presented as a non-monetary award during the annual convention. Criteria include: Current SHAPE Florida member with a minimum of three-years of continuous membership; made a significant contribution to SHAPE Florida and/or a primary element or unit therein; demonstrated exceptional leadership and/or service, professional ethics and a passion for SHAPE Florida’s mission.

SHAPE Florida HEART Award: (2012)

Created in 2012, for inaugural awarding in 2013 by SHAPE Florida and the Physical Education Division, the SHAPE Florida HEART Award is bestowed on schools to recognize program excellence in Physical Education in Florida. Modeled after the former NASPE STARS Program and sponsored by the Florida Sports Foundation, the SHAPE Florida HEART Award stands for ‘Having Excellence and Rigor in Teaching’. The program application and review process is a criterion based assessment that singles out those exceptional physical education programs for distinction. The SHAPE Florida HEART Award is a five-year designation, which with re-evaluation can be renewed every five-years. Schools earning distinction as a SHAPE Florida HEART Award recipient will be awarded apparel, a banner and modest funding. The SHAPE Florida HEART Award will be presented during the SHAPE Florida Convention each fall to one or more qualified, exceptional school physical education programs.

Honorary Life Membership

The Honorary Life Membership Award is presented by SHAPE Florida to retired professionals who have served SHAPE Florida and the profession with excellence and distinction over an extended period of time. This award is presented by SHAPE Florida.

Community Service

The community service award may be given to an organization, individual or media group for contributions and service to health and wellness issues related to SHAPE Florida disciplines. This award is presented by SHAPE Florida.

Legislative Award

The SHAPE Florida Legislative Award is bestowed upon Florida legislators or other noteworthy persons who make a significant impact on SHAPE Florida legislative and/or advocacy goals in a given year or over a period of several years. This award (s) is generally appropriate for state-wide advocacy and support, rather than local advocacy and support. Unless special circumstances exist, the award(s) is not necessarily presented each year; yet on years when the award(s) is presented, it is generally presented to from one (1) to three (3) recipient(s). From the list of nominations, the selection(s) is made by the SHAPE Florida Executive Committee.
**Katherine Montgomery Scholarship**

The Katherine Montgomery Scholarship Committee recruits nominations and selects annual recipients of the scholarship, a monetary award, each year. Junior colleges, college and universities may nominate students in SHAPE Florida disciplines for this award. This award is presented by SHAPE Florida.

**Educator of the Year**

Awarded annually to an exemplary teacher/educator in Physical Education, Health, Dance, Sport, College/University or District Administration (CODA Council). Districts and local associations are encouraged to submit nominations each year. Division committees select the Educator of the year for their respective division.

**Council of District Administrators (CODA) Council**

The Council of District Administrators (CODA Council) Award is presented to a member of CODA for distinguished and enduring professional service to the disciplines recognized under the CODA mission. These disciplines typically include health education, physical education, dance education, sport and drivers’ education and training. From the list of nominees, the selection of the recipient is made by the CODA Council.

**Health Education Award**

The Health Education Award is presented by the Health Division to SHAPE Florida members who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and exceptional service in the area of health education in the K-12 and college/university levels. No more than one award is presented each year in this category.

**Physical Education Teacher of the Year (TOY) Awards (4)**

The Physical Education Teacher of the Year (TOY) Awards are presented by the Physical Education Division to SHAPE Florida members who are exemplary elementary, middle, high school and adapted physical education teachers in Florida. Nominees must be current members of SHAPE Florida. The award criteria for the elementary, middle and high school awards correspond with the same awards from SHAPE America. The Adapted Physical Educator of the Year award criteria corresponds with the same award from the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation (AAPAR). The annual Florida recipients of these four awards automatically advance as the Florida nominees to the Southern District SHAPE America award process.

**Sport Professional of the Year Award**

The Sport Professional of the Year Award was established by the Physical Education Division to honor outstanding SHAPE Florida member leaders in the professional domain of Sport. A sport professional is defined, as a professional who conducts sport-related programming, or an administrator in the educational, private, or public sport-related domains of the division. The nominees should come from those working in sport related areas (athletic directors, coaches, athletic trainers, sport management professionals, etc). The award criteria correspond with the Southern District Association of SHAPE America.

**Student of the Year**

The Student of the Year Award honors a SHAPE Florida student member each year. Criteria include scholarship and service to the school, community and profession. College professors or others familiar with the students’ academic and service activities make these nominations. Students must be enrolled as a full-time junior or senior student with a major in HPER at an accredited institution.

**NOTE:**

The award nomination process is an online process only. Any member may nominate any other member for any award. Self-nomination is not permitted and is not accepted. Award recipients are recognized at the Annual Convention Awards General Session and in the Winter SHAPE Florida Journal. All award recipients must be SHAPE Florida members, except for the Community Service Award and the Legislative Award. Current voting members of the SHAPE Florida Board of Directors are not eligible for any awards. (Last Revisions: Spring 2013)
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Program Recognition Award

The award recognizes exemplary or outstanding programs in Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance or Sport. Any Elementary or Secondary public or private school or public recreation agency program may be recommended for recognition. Nominations may be made by anyone having knowledge of the program. The SHAPE Florida Program Recognition Award is bestowed on programs in recognition of unique and innovative contributions to program development in Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport, or Dance. The number of recognition awards that may be made each year will be based upon the merits of individual programs reviewed.

Qualification:

1. At least one member of the staff must be a member of SHAPE Florida
2. There must be written evidence that the overall program has established guidelines and policies.
3. Evidence must be provided that the overall program provides a wide variety of activities based primarily upon student needs.

a. Limitations: The programs that have been recognized for a specific innovative process cannot be considered for recognition in the same process area for another five (5) years. However, the same school may be recognized at an earlier date for different aspects of its program.