

Awards

The Awards of the Association will be administered by the Board of Directors with advice and collaboration from Committee Chairpersons. The goal for the management of Awards is to ensure a fair and equitable process for all Members of the Association.

POLICIES

- Association awards are awarded annually with the exception of the Benevolent Fund.
- The Benevolent Fund may be awarded to more than one recipient annually, and dispersed according to what is in the best interest of the applicant.
- Applications/nomination forms will be completed by proposed deadlines depending on the Award.
- All award recipients are ratified by the Board of Directors.

PROCEDURES

1. A Member of the Board of Directors will collect, evaluate, and select applications and recipients for the following awards:
 - **Special Recognition Award**
 - **Outstanding Supervisor Award**
 - **Member Emeritus**
 - **Benevolent Fund**
2. Faculty members of the Mount Royal University Athletic Therapy program will evaluate and select applications and recipients for the following awards and notify the Board of Directors of the outcome of their deliberations:
 - **Leadership and Service Scholarship**
3. A Member of the Board of Directors will notify the winners and make arrangements for their presentation of the awards at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
4. The applications for association awards will be reviewed each year to ensure accuracy.

DETAILS OF AWARDS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

This award is presented to an Association Member in recognition of truly distinguished contributions to athletic therapy.

Qualifications for Special Recognition Award

The nominee must:

- be a Certified Member of the Association who has maintained their status;
- demonstrate outstanding service in the area of athletic therapy, sport medicine education, or research;
- have known excellence in the field of athletic therapy; and
- be nominated by at least one Certified Member.

The nominator will:

- complete the online Special Recognition Award application form (found at www.aata.ca).

To be selected, the nomination must be:

- reviewed and ratified by the Board of Directors.

Nature of the Award

The recipient is honoured at the AGM and is presented with a gift card.

OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR AWARD

This award is given to an Association Member with demonstrated distinct leadership and commitment. Two Members will be selected for this award and must have contributed significantly to the growth and development of Certification Candidates; one in a field setting and one in a clinical setting.

Qualifications for Outstanding Supervisor Award

The nominee must:

- be a Certified Member of the Association who has maintained their status;
- provided guidance, leadership, and learning opportunities for one or more certification candidate(s) in a field or clinical setting; and
- be nominated by at least one Certified Member or Certification Candidate.

The nominator will:

- complete the online Outstanding Supervisor Award application form (found at www.aata.ca).

To be selected, the nomination must be:

- reviewed and ratified by the Board of Directors.

Nature of the Award

The recipients are honoured at the AGM and are presented with an honorarium.

MEMBER EMERITUS

This award recognizes the prior contributions of a Member who may still be contributing to the fields of athletic therapy or sports medicine, but who is no longer actively engaged in the day-to-day of an athletic therapist as defined in the Association's *Scope of Practice, #7-2* due to retirement from active employment or a shift in career focus.

Qualifications for Member Emeritus Award

The nominee must:

- be a Certified Member of the Association who actively participated in the Association for fifteen (15) or more years;
- have a recognized and documented contribution to the advancement of the objectives of the Association; and
- be nominated by a currently Certified Member.

The nominator will:

- submit a letter which documents contributions to the Association and attests to status as a Certified Member for 15 or more years.

To be selected, the nomination must be:

- reviewed and ratified by the Board of Directors.

Nature of the Award

Member Emeritus Award recipients:

- do not pay annual dues;
- are not required to submit maintenance of certification;
- receive all Association mailings and documents; and
- are not eligible:
 - to vote at the AGM, or
 - for executive office or Committee Membership.

BENEVOLENT FUND

This bursary will be provided to a Certified Member or Certification Candidate requiring financial assistance in extenuating circumstances. Assistance is available through the Benevolent Fund for the following:

- rehabilitation following mental or physical disability;
- compassionate circumstances requiring immediate and urgent assistance; and
- unemployment during an unusually prolonged job search.

Qualifications for the Benevolent Fund

The applicant must:

- be a Certified Member or Certification Candidate of the Association;
- demonstrate extenuating circumstance(s);
- meets eligibility criteria (as stated above); and
- have not received assistance from the AATA in the past 12 months.

The applicant will:

- complete the online Benevolent Fund form (found at www.aata.ca).

To be selected, the nomination must be:

- reviewed and ratified by the Board of Directors.

Nature of the Award

Recipients of this award will be announced at the AGM unless recipients choose to maintain anonymity.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given to a Certification Candidate with demonstrated distinct leadership and commitment. Two Candidates will be selected for this award. Both must have demonstrated leadership and initiative in the classroom, field, and clinical settings.

Qualifications for Leadership and Service Scholarship

The nominee must:

- be a Certification Candidate of the National Association who has maintained their status; and
- be either a university transfer or post-graduate student of the Mount Royal University Athletic Therapy program.

The nominator:

- must be an instructor of the Mount Royal University Athletic Therapy program.

To be selected, the nomination must be:

- reviewed and ratified by instructors of the Mount Royal University Athletic Therapy program.

Nature of the Award

The recipients are awarded a scholarship by Mount Royal University.