

TAHPERD Awards

Members are encouraged to honor and recognize their colleagues by nominating those qualified for one of the TAHPERD awards listed below. Please make your nominations via the web (www.tahperd.org) or 1-800-880-7300.

THE DAVID K. BRACE AWARD

The David K. Brace Award is TAHPERD's highest honor. This award recognizes persons who are clearly outstanding in the profession, who exemplify the best in service, teaching, and/or administration, who are recognized by members as noteworthy leaders, and whose lives and contributions inspire others. The criteria are:

1. Served the profession for a minimum of twenty (20) years in Texas.
2. Member of TAHPERD for ten (10) successive years prior to nomination.
3. Received some form of state, district, or national award for professional contributions.
4. Clearly outstanding in the profession and have exemplified the best in service, teaching, and/or administration.

THE HONOR AWARD

The Honor Award is for significant contributions to health education, physical education, recreation, and/or dance. The criteria are:

1. At least thirty (30) years of age.
2. Served the profession for a minimum of ten (10) years in Texas.
3. Member of TAHPERD for five (5) successive years prior to nomination.
4. Significant contributions to health education, physical education, recreation, and/or dance through one or more of the following: excellence in teaching; outstanding administrative achievement; significant contribution to research; leadership in professional organizations at state, district, and national levels to include TAHPERD; contribution to professional literature; creative endeavors; and outstanding community service.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

The Distinguished Service Citation is selected by the President and given to organizations, agencies, and individuals outside the profession for meritorious service and contributions to the fields of health education, physical education, recreation, and/or dance in Texas. The criteria are:

1. Person or organization outside the HPERD professions.
2. Meritorious service to fields of health education, physical education, recreation, and/or dance in Texas.
3. Recipients of the Distinguished Service Citation are selected from those nominated by the TAHPERD President and approved by the Board of Directors.

TAHPERD SCHOLAR

In order to be considered for the TAHPERD Scholar Award, an individual must have been a member of TAHPERD for the past five (5) consecutive years. The selection will be based on qualifications in terms of training and experience and on the basis of scholarly activity in publications and presentations at the state and national level.

EDUCATOR/PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

TAHPERD recognizes outstanding teaching and professional involvement by honoring teachers and/or professionals of the year in several categories. Those receiving such recognition are advanced for similar honors awarded by Southern District AHPERD (13 southern states). Those eligible are forwarded by Southern District AHPERD to the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance for consideration for National Awards.

In order to be considered for this award a person must be a TAHPERD member. After receiving the names of nominees, each will be asked to document their professional success in a formal application. To be eligible for competition beyond the state level, award recipients must be members of the American Alliance for HPERD.

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL

The candidate for the Emerging Professional of the Year Award must:

1. Have been working five (5) or fewer years in the profession since obtaining their undergraduate degree with a major/minor in HPERD. Official transcripts are to be included with application and support materials.
2. Have recognized excellence in professional duties, i.e., teaching, coaching, administration, etc.
3. Exhibit leadership and service to the profession to include contributions made to TAHPERD conventions, workshops, and conferences.
4. Exhibit contributions made to her/his community.
5. Have enthusiastic promotion of the HPERD profession.
6. Must have been a student or professional member of TAHPERD for two (2) years at time of nomination.

PATHFINDER AWARD

The TAHPERD Pathfinder Award was established to provide state recognition to women who have demonstrated continuous dedication to the advocacy, recruitment, and enhancement of girls and women in sport and sport leadership in Texas. The presentation for the TAHPERD Pathfinder Award will qualify a TAHPERD member for consideration for the NAGWS national Pathfinder Award. The criteria for this award:

1. Candidates must be a current TAHPERD member and for at least the five (5) years immediately preceding nomination for the award.
2. The female candidate for the Pathfinder Award must have worked for ten (10) or more years in the profession as is evidenced by:
 - a. Recognized excellence and dedication to the advocacy and recruitment of girls and women in sport and sport leadership in the State of Texas.
 - b. Exhibit leadership and service to the profession in girls and women's sport.
 - c. Demonstrate enthusiastic promotion of girls and women's sport within the HPERD profession.

TRAILBLAZER AWARD

The TAHPERD Trailblazer Award is to provide state recognition to TAHPERD members who have demonstrated continuous dedication to the advocacy, recruitment, and enhancement of male and/or female sport and sport leadership in Texas.

The criteria for this award:

1. Candidates must be a current TAHPERD member and for at least the five (5) years immediately preceding nomination for the award.
2. The candidate for the Trailblazer Award must have worked for ten (10) or more years in the profession as is evidenced by:
 - a. Recognized excellence and dedication to the advocacy and recruitment of athletes in male and/or female sport and sport leadership in the State of Texas.
 - b. Exhibit leadership and service to the profession in male and/or female sport.
 - c. Demonstrate enthusiastic promotion of male and/or female sport within the HPERD profession.

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Administrator of the Year Award honors those individuals who have dedicated themselves to excellence as administrators or supervisors, in contributions to their profession, and in service to the mission of TAHPERD. These individuals exemplify the highest standards in accomplishment and innovation, and in strong and vigorous leadership.

1. Candidates must be a current TAHPERD member and for at least the five (5) years immediately preceding nomination for the award.
2. The candidate shall serve as a K-12 or college/university administrator/supervisor of the disciplines for health, physical education, recreation, and/or dance for five (5) or more years.
3. Demonstrate leadership in HPERD disciplines at the local and state levels.
4. Demonstrate advocacy for quality education in the HPERD disciplines.
5. Demonstrate significant contributions to
 - a. curriculum development,
 - b. technology,
 - c. innovation,
 - d. staff development,
 - e. program improvement,
 - f. resource development in HPERD disciplines.