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**Western District College/University**

**Teacher of the Year Award:**

Any SHAPE America member who resides in the Western District (WD) may nominate candidates for the College/University Teacher of the Year Award. This award honors a college/university professional in the health, physical education, adaptive physical education, or dance pedagogy.

The award can be given annually at a SHAPE Regional conference or workshop sponsored or co-sponsored by Western District, or at the state conference of the candidate usually August-October of each year. The deadline for nominations is September 15. The deadline for applications is October 15. The qualifying criterion for this award includes:

1. SHAPE America Membership: The nominee shall have been a member of SHAPE America for a minimum of 3 years, including the year he/she is considered for the award.
2. Character: Ethical behavior consistent with the accepted ideals of the profession.
3. **Service**:

* Candidates must have five years of experience at the college/university level;
* Each candidate must demonstrate at least three of the specific contributions criteria as follows:
  1. Position of leadership in developing and implementing or directing/coordinating effective health/physical education/ adaptive physical education/dance promotion programs;
  2. A record of outstanding teaching effectiveness in and out of the classroom (including mentoring undergraduate or graduate students);
  3. A pedagogical approach that is new, creative or innovative but still intellectually rigorous;
  4. Meritorious service through involvement at local, state, district or national level or at the school or community level;
  5. Service within a SHAPE America structure or other professional organizations at the state, district or national level as an officer or committee member;
  6. Evidence of other leadership and service to the profession through teaching, publications, presentations, funded research or programs, special projects, or health-related activities.

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**Western District College/University Teacher of the Year Award**

**Candidate Application (Health, PE, Adaptive PE or Dance)**

***Nominations are due by September 15***

***Applications are due by October 15***

**Return to District Awards Chair:** [**See SHAPE America Western District webpage**](https://www.shapeamerica.org/about/districts/western/awards.aspx)

Indicate award category: \_\_\_Health \_\_\_PE \_\_\_APE \_\_\_Dance

| Name of candidate: |
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| College/University Organizational head contact information: |
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| Local media outlet contact information: |
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**Criteria:** **Membership-** Must be a SHAPE America Member for at least 5 years

| SHAPE America membership number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Length of time as a SHAPE America member:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Other professional organizational membership(s) or certifications: |

1. **Criteria**: **Character** Provide two letters of support that speak to your character, service, leadership, and contributions to the profession.
2. **Criteria: Service –Please provide at least 3 written examples from the following criteria:**
   1. Position of leadership in developing and implementing or directing/coordinating effective health/physical education/ adaptive physical education/dance promotion programs;
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