Award Criteria and Descriptions for Nominees

Outstanding Clinician Award

This award recognizes demonstrated contributions in the advancement of knowledge in clinical practice in speech-language pathology or audiology.

Criteria for Selection:

1. The recipient will be chosen for advancement of knowledge in their practice as evidenced by significant recent accomplishments within the past three years in speech-language pathology or audiology. Some activities or accomplishments might include:
   a. Achievement with a single client or group of clients.
   b. Service programming & program development.
   c. Achievement in a state or local organization or government agency activity.
   d. Teaching/presentations, research, or administration. (Nominees are not limited to any particular type of achievement or activity.)

2. The recipient must display concrete evidence of contributions, clinical service, clinical research or any other activity which has promoted excellence in clinical service over a fifteen year or longer period.

3. The nominee must be a member of MSHA for at least five years and past nominees are eligible.

4. The nominator must be a member of MSHA.

The nominee and the nominator must be a current member of MSHA and past nominees are eligible.

Honors of the Association

This award recognizes exceptional and extraordinary contributions to the field of speech, language and hearing, and is the highest honor that the Association can give.

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Outstanding Special Education Administrator

This award recognizes a Special Education Administrator who has provided outstanding leadership and support for the speech-language-hearing staff and who consistently strives to improve and enhance the services provided to communicatively impaired students.

Criteria for Selection:

1. The recipient will be chosen for advancement of knowledge in their practice as evidenced by significant recent accomplishment within the past three years. Some activities or accomplishment might include:
   a. Achievement with a single client or group of clients.
   b. Service programming & program development.
   c. Achievement in a state or local organization or government agency activity.
   d. Teaching/presentations, research, or administration. (Nominees are not limited to any particular type of achievement or activity.)

2. The recipient must demonstrate skills in providing outstanding leadership and support for the speech-language-hearing staff and consistently strives to improve and enhance the services provided to communicatively impaired students.

3. The nominator must be a MSHA member.

Outstanding Graduate Student

This award shall be made to a full-time student in speech-language pathology, audiology or deaf education who has shown superior and outstanding academic achievement and who exhibits excellent professional promise. The nominee must be a professional entry level degree (i.e. MA, MS, AuD) student at an accredited college or university in the state of Missouri. 

Criteria for Selection:

Documentation to accompany nominations should include:

1. A sponsor’s letter outlining the reasons the nominee should be considered for the award.
2. At least three letters from those familiar with the nominee’s achievements and abilities.
3. The nominee’s undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
4. A scholarly paper written by the nominee as a class project or term paper, one or more chapters of a thesis, or a similar project.

The award criteria will be weighed accordingly:

- Academic Achievement – 20%
- Scholarship (including, but not limited to written paper, thesis, special project, presentation) – 20%
- Clinical Skills – 20%
- Community/University/Leadership Service – 20%
- Support as demonstrated through recommendations – 20%

Submission Format

Material in support of a nominee should be typed, single-spaced, and pages should not exceed ten pages, including any letters of support. Confirmation that your nomination has been received and is complete will be sent.

Send your submission by February 1, 2012 to:

Teresa G. Kemper, M.A., CCC-SLP
VP for Professional and Public Relations
1121 NE Columbus St.
Lee’s Summit, MO 64086

Procedure for Nomination:

The following information should be submitted in this order:

1. Completed nomination form.
2. Rationale for nomination:
   a. Identification and description of the outstanding achievement with information of when and where the specific achievement(s) took place.
   b. Description of the significance of the recent achievement.
   c. Explanation of how the nominee’s actions have advanced knowledge in the area of their practice.
   d. Explanation of the nominee’s role in the achievement.
3. At least three statements to support the nomination from speech-language pathologists, audiologists, or related professionals and from recipients of services (or their parents) where appropriate.
4. Nominee’s resume, attached separately.

Please note: The sponsor should not be a member of the MSHA Executive Board or the Honors Committee. A nominee should not be informed of his or her nomination (except the outstanding graduate student).
MSHA Honors Nomination Form

Instructions:
This form should be completed and submitted as the front cover to the additional supporting materials required. The original and four copies should be submitted to the Vice President for Professional and Public Relations and must be received no later than February 1, 2012.

Mail your submission to:
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VP for Professional and
Public Relations
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4 COPIES ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH AWARD

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PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS LISTED ON THE AWARD CRITERIA AND DESCRIPTIONS FOR THIS FORM.

Nominee Information (Nominee’s Vitae Attached Separately)

NAME

DEGREE

PROFESSIONAL TITLE

EMAIL ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Area Code + number)

Person Submitting Nomination

NAME

DEGREE

PROFESSIONAL TITLE

EMAIL ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Area Code + number)  EVENING TELEPHONE NUMBER

Nominations are open and are invited from any MSHA member. A nominee should not be informed of his or her nomination (Except the outstanding graduate student).