

RULES GOVERNING THE IOWA PHYSICAL THERAPY FOUNDATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Iowa physical Therapy Foundation established an annual \$500.00 physical therapist student scholarship in 1983. An annual \$250.00 physical therapist assistant student scholarship was established by the IPTF in 1995 which was initially funded by a contribution from physical therapists Steven and Susan Bell. In 2010 the IPTF increased these awards so that each year four physical therapist student scholarships and one physical therapist assistant student scholarship are awarded. The scholarships are made possible by a bequest to the Foundation from Olive C. Farr, PT, the first director of the physical therapy education program at the University of Iowa.

The scholarships will be awarded to student members of the American Physical Therapy Association enrolled in accredited Iowa PT/PTA education programs who have concluded the first year of their accredited entry-level Iowa program. Award of the scholarships will be based on demonstrated scholarship, potential for professional contributions and leadership qualities.

II. AWARD

The physical therapist scholarship recipients will receive \$500.00. The physical therapist assistant scholarship recipient will receive \$250.00. The scholarships will be presented at an awards ceremony held in conjunction with the annual Spring Conference of the Iowa Physical Therapy Association & Foundation. Scholarship recipients may invite family and friends to the luncheon as guests of the Foundation.

The Iowa Physical Therapy Foundation Board will:

1. Synthesize and compile information from the applicants:
 - A. Obtain scholarship rating scores relative to:
 1. Demonstrated scholarship
 2. Potential for professional contributions
 3. Leadership Activities
 - B. Through review of a student cover letter, resume and a faculty letter of recommendation determine the final rating relative to the 3 areas listed above..
 - C. Calculate the total scholarship rating scores for each applicant and place these scores in rank order. The applicants with the highest total score will be the award recipients.
2. Select the scholarship recipients 30 days prior to the awards ceremony.
3. Scholarship recipients will be notified immediately and arrangements made for them and their guests to attend the Awards Luncheon at the Annual IPTA Spring Meeting.
4. Review the scholarship procedures on an annual basis in the fall and make recommendations / changes.

IV. STANDING RULES

1. An IPTF board member who is related to a scholarship applicant will not participate in synthesizing and compiling information on the applicant and will not participate in discussion of that applicant.
2. The IPTA will provide the recipients and guests with complimentary luncheon tickets.

V. AMENDMENTS

The rules governing this award may be amended in whole or in part by the Iowa Physical Therapy Foundation Board of Directors.

