

Distinguished Fellow

This is the highest recognition award given by ATRA. The award recognizes exceptional accomplishments within the field of recreational therapy. It will not be given each year unless all designated criteria are met.

New Requirement: A resume/curriculum vita must be submitted with nomination materials to be considered for this award.

Qualifications:

- A. Current and active member of ATRA – a minimum of five (5) years
- B. Experience – a minimum of ten (10) years related to recreational therapy
- C. Service (must meet at least two of the following):
 - a. Distinctive leadership in promotion, organization, and development of a new or unique/innovative type of activity or program in recreational therapy.
 - b. Meritorious service to the profession through the allied fields of the arts, physical education, athletics, health education, science, medicine, psychiatry, psychology, rehabilitation, and/or education.
 - c. Exemplary contributions to the recreational therapy profession on national, regional, state, and/or local levels.
- D. Evidence of leadership (must meet at least one of the following):
 - a. An elected officer in a recreational therapy association (e.g. president, president-elect, board of directors).
 - b. A member of any recreational therapy association committee.
- E. Professional research, publications, and presentations (must meet at least two of the following):
 - a. Addresses or appearances to groups, in person, on radio, or television pertaining to the broad field of recreational therapy.
 - b. Published articles in newspaper(s), magazine(s), or journal(s) on topics pertaining to recreational therapy.
 - c. Research that has helped advance the profession of recreational therapy.
 - d. Author/co-author or editor of a book on recreational therapy or related fields.
 - e. Contribution to the profession effecting policy or practice.