Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance  
Award Criteria  
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I. Name: Middle School Health Educator of the Year

II. Criteria

A. A middle school health educator is an individual who has major responsibility for teaching health education in grades six through eight for a specific school system in Virginia.

B. The candidate must be a middle school health education teacher (grades 6-8) with a minimum of five years experience at the middle school level.

C. The candidate must be a current VAHPERD member.

D. In addition, the candidate must be a person who:

1. Serves as a positive role model, epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, sportsmanship, and sensitivity to the needs of the students;

2. Utilizes various teaching methodologies and plans innovative learning experiences;

3. Conducts a balanced and sequential curriculum;

4. Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth;

5. Evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and national health and physical education organizations.

III. Rules for Nomination

A. Any health educator who meets the criteria may apply personally for this award or be nominated by a colleague.

IV. Application

A. Nominations must be submitted (typewritten) to the Chair of the Awards Committee by June 1.
B. The Chair of the Awards Committee will send the candidate a Candidate Application Form and publicity release form by June 10.

C. The application form and publicity release form must be completed by the nominee and returned to the Chair of the Awards Committee by August 1.

D. Three to five reference letters from among school officials, colleagues, parents and students must be submitted with the application.

E. Attach separate sheets, if needed, to expand on the candidate's qualifications under the Awards Policy and Procedures criteria. Major consideration for the award will be given to those criteria.

F. Additional supporting material such as current resume, course outlines, programs and newspaper clippings may be included. Please DO NOT INCLUDE videotapes.

G. Nominees, if not selected, shall remain eligible for a period of two years.