

RMATA Distinguished Athletic Trainers Award

The primary objective of this award is to recognize those members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainer's Association who have made outstanding contributions to the profession of athletic training and to the RMATA.

Candidate Criteria

Awards will be presented annually. The award will not be presented if there are no candidates who meet the criteria. Individuals must meet the following requirements to be nominated for the award:

- 1) Individuals nominated must have been a member of the RMATA for a minimum of 15 years.
- 2) Individuals must have been a member of the NATA for a minimum of 20 years.
- 3) Nominees must be in good standing with the NATABOC or have retired in good standing.

Application Guidelines

- I. Any certified athletic trainer can nominate individuals for the award. Students may recommend qualified persons to a certified member of the RMATA for nomination, however a certified member of the RMATA must make the nomination. All nominations must be sent to:

Mary Ann Erickson, PhD, ATC
RMATA Honors and Awards Chair
Fort Lewis College
1000 Rim Drive
Durango, CO 81301

- II. The nominator must send a detailed file of the candidate to the RMATA Awards Chair. The file should include:
 - RMATA Award Nomination Cover Sheet (attached)
 - Three letters of Recommendation
 - Two letters must come from Certified Athletic Trainers
 - One letter must come from someone outside the profession (i.e. Doctor, Administration, Coach, etc)
 - Resume/Vita to include
 - Professional Education
 - Career History
 - Professional Certification(s) & Licensure
 - Other pertinent information

- III. Once nominated, the candidate's file will be kept for a two-year period and considered both years if not selected in the first year.
- IV. The award need not be given every year if no candidates are deemed qualified for the award.
- V. The candidates will be judged by the Special Awards committee members relative to the requirements for nomination.
- VI. Advertisements for the award will be published in the RMATA Newsletter and through a letter sent to each RMATA State President of inclusion in any state newsletters.
- VII. All recommendations must be complete and submitted to the RMATA Honors and Awards Chair no later than June 1st of each year. Copies of the dossiers will be sent to the members of the Special Awards Committee. This committee will recommend the nominee(s) to the RMATA Honors and Awards committee for final approval. The recommendations(s) of the RMATA Honors and Awards committee will be forwarded to the RMATA Board of Directors.
- VIII. Members of the RMATA Special Awards Committee and Board of Directors are excluded from consideration during their term(s) of office.
- IX. The award will be presented at the subsequent RMATA Annual Meeting.

**RMATA Distinguished Athletic Trainers Award
Cover Sheet**

Person being nominated _____

Address of nominee _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Person Nominating _____

Address of nominator _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please attach appropriate documentation.