

RULES GOVERNING THE IOWA PHYSICAL THERAPY FOUNDATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

• INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Iowa Physical Therapy Foundation established an annual \$500 physical therapist student scholarship in 1983. An annual \$250 physical therapist assistant student scholarship was established by the Foundation in 1995 which was initially funded by a contribution from physical therapists Steven and Susan Bell. The Foundation has since increased these awards so that each year four SPT and one SPTA student scholarships 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.

• AWARD

The physical therapist scholarship recipients will receive \$500. The physical therapist assistant scholarship recipients will receive \$250. 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.

IOWA PHYSICAL THERAPY FOUNDATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

• ELIGIBILITY

Any student member of the Iowa Physical Therapy Association (IPTA) who has concluded the first year of their accredited entry-level Iowa program is eligible to apply for a scholarship. *Recognizing that the education programs have differing academic calendars, the Foundation will accept applications from final-year students who will graduate after the award is announced.*

Award of the scholarships will be based on demonstrated scholarship, faculty recommendation and the application letter.

• APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The applicant is responsible for submitting the following materials 30 days prior to the Spring Conference. Consult the IPTA calendar on the association's web site, www.iowaapta.org.

1. A current transcript to be sent directly from the school to the following address:

Iowa Physical Therapy Foundation
Attn: Scholarships
8355 University Blvd., Suite K
Clive, IA 50325-1162

2. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or academic advisor to be sent directly to the address above. If required, provide written permission to release personal information in the letter of recommendation.
3. An application letter sent to the above address that includes a resume with cover letter through which the student describes accomplishments that warrant consideration. These might include professional goals, your potential for future contributions to the physical therapy profession, evidence of creativity, personal and academic projects, research, evidence of miscellaneous accomplishments, experiences, or participation in professional activities (conclaves, meetings, committee work publications, etc.).

- **SELECTION** — The Foundation board of directors will meet 30 days prior to the Spring Conference to select the scholarship recipients. Upon selection, the recipients will be notified immediately and be invited with family and friends to attend the honors luncheon where the scholarships will be awarded.

- **HONORS LUNCHEON** — The scholarship recipients, family and friends will be seated at reserved tables near the podium. *Scholarship recipients are encouraged to invite the faculty member who authored the scholarship recommendation letter to make introductions and speak about the student's accomplishments.* The scholarship recipient will then have an opportunity to speak briefly and receive the award. This procedure will be carried out until all scholarships have been awarded. The award will consist of a certificate and a check.