

D2 YP Award Overview

The D2 YP Distinction Award is the Young Professionals' Committee's highest honor to recognize a young professional athletic trainer who has made an immediate and definitive impact on the athletic training profession at the district, state, or community level. The selection committee encourages the sponsor to review the award and its criterion before submitting the nominee as an applicant. Recommendations should provide a narrative of how the nominee relates to the award and its criterion. Collaborating with other recommenders is advised to ensure all perspectives and information are included. Letters should address the following areas:

- Nominee embodies the ideas, goals, and mission of NATA and the Young Professionals' Committee.
 - Contributes to the missions and objectives of the Young Professionals' Committee, NATA District Two, and the athletic training profession.
 - Consistently demonstrates a positive character and responsibility to their, peers, patients, and institution.
- Nominee has demonstrated the highest level of service, professionalism, and competence in their place of work.
 - Major contributor to the daily operation of his/her practice.
 - Demonstrates unselfishness in giving talents and time within and outside the athletic training profession.
 - Demonstrates interest in work related functions, institution spirit and pride.
- Nominee maintains the highest level of honor, respect, and integrity in their clinical setting and to the community.
 - Demonstrates competence, knowledge, and skills in his/her clinical practice.
 - Demonstrates activities and time management skills that incorporate life balance.
- Nominee demonstrates leadership abilities.
 - Demonstrates initiative and ability to inspire other professionals where the athletic training profession has directly benefited.
- Nominee is active in research and education.
 - Utilizes evidence-based medicine, and/or contributes to the current body of knowledge through presentations or manuscripts.
 - Mentors or educates students, colleagues, or other athletic trainers.

Award Eligibility

- Nominees must meet the following criteria:
 - Certified member or certified student member of the NATA and in good standing.
 - Must have an NPI number.
 - Minimum of three years of experience as a certified athletic trainer.
 - Minimum of two years membership in NATA District Two.
 - Considered "young professional" at time of nomination.
 - Must be within first 12 years of profession after initial certification/licensure.
 - An athletic trainer may not be awarded twice.
 - If more than one sponsor nominates the same person, the first sponsor to nominate will be taken.

- Current and previous members of the NATA Young Professionals' Committee are not eligible for this award.

Award Application Requirements

To be considered for this award, each nominee must have a complete award application:

- Nominating athletic trainer must complete the online award nomination form
- Three letters of recommendation:
 - nominating sponsor who must be a NATA member
 - colleague who is a current NATA member
 - individual in the nominee's place of work
 - Does not have to be a NATA member or athletic trainer

Deadlines & Procedure

- Application Deadline: April 15th - Nominating athletic trainer must complete award nomination form and submit all relevant documents including letters of recommendation
- June 1 - Only award recipient will be notified by the D2 Young Professionals' Committee Chair