

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
INTO THE
ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION
(5-2-04)**

Purpose:

The AATA "Honorary Membership" was created so the Association could recognize and thank the many people outside the athletic training profession who have contributed to the AATA and the advancement of the athletic training profession.

Nomination Process:

Any AATA member who is in good standing with the AATA may submit "Honorary Membership" nominations to the AATA Honors and Awards Committee. The nominating member is responsible for filling out the application with information provided by the nominee, signing and dating the application and returning it to the Chair by **Three Months prior to the State Meeting Date** deadline. Forms may be requested from the Chair, or downloaded from the AATA web page.

Qualifications:

1. Contributed significantly to the health, care, and welfare of athletes at a certain institution within Arkansas for a minimum ten years.
2. Contributed at least ten years to the promotion of the athletic training profession. (Injury research, personal appearances, speaking engagements, legislative efforts, etc.)
3. "Honorary Membership" categories:
 - a. Athletic Trainers in other Districts in the NATA for contributions to the profession.
 - b. Physicians and other allied health professionals.
 - c. NATA office personnel.
 - d. Coaches, AD's, Administrators, or athletes who promote AATA/athletic training.
 - e. Induction as "Honorary Member" of NATA will constitute automatic induction as Honorary Member of the SWATA and the AATA if the inductee resides within Arkansas.

Certification Process:

In order for the nomination to be reviewed for acceptance by the AATA Executive Board, the AATA member making the nomination must have the nominee fill out the application and return it to nominating athletic trainer(s). Then the form must be signed and dated by the nominating athletic trainer(s), and returned to the Honors and Awards Chair by the **Three Months prior to the State Meeting Date** deadline. Upon receiving all applications, the Chair will then forward the list of nominees to the AATA President.

Selection Process:

At the Executive Board Mid-Winter Meeting, the voting members of the Board, *may or may not* select one, but not more than three of the applications to be designated as "Honorary Member(s)".

Certifying Inductee Process:

Upon the Executive Board reviewing the applications, the AATA President will inform the Chair of the Honors and Awards who, if any, will become "Honorary Members".

Notification Process:

All newly approved "Honorary Member", will be notified in writing by the Honors and Awards Chair on or before *One and a Half Months prior to the State Meeting Date*, and asked to respond in writing of their acceptance and attendance at the Honors Reception and Banquet. The new "Honorary Member" will be asked to respond in writing of their acceptance and attendance by *One Week Prior to the State Meeting Date*. If the "Honorary Member" is unable to attend the Honors Reception and Banquet, they will need to forward the name of the person they wish to accept their award to the Honors and Awards Chair.

Award Plaque:

The AATA will issue an "Honorary Membership" plaque.

Military Service:

Service Branch	Rank	Year(s)

Community Organizations: Social, Service, Religious, etc.

Organization	Position Held	Year(s)

Professional Organizations: Position(s) held, years of service.

Organization	Position Held	Year(s)

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Special Honors /Awards Received: Local, State, National.

Honor(s) / Award(s)	Year

Employment History: in chronological, descending order, starting with current position.

Employer	Year(s)

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