PURPOSE

To identify and honor one Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant "emerging leader" within the Ohio Chapter of the APTA who has demonstrated extraordinary service early in their career. The individual should have made exceptional overall accomplishments and contributions to the APTA, the state, and the profession to advance APTA's vision.

NATURE OF AWARD

A plaque will be presented at the OPTA Annual Membership Meeting. An official announcement of the award will appear in OPTA's newsletter, *ACCESS* and will be posted on the OPTA website.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- 1. Nominee must be a *member in good standing* of the OPTA.
- 2. Nominee must be a "new professional" (0-5 years practicing).
- 3. A *description of the nominee's contributions* to OPTA and/or the PT profession.
- 4. Contributions *must be of outstanding nature*.
- 5. Explanation of the *potential for future contributions* to the APTA and/or profession.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION

- <u>CLICK HERE</u> to submit your nomination; *ALL* nominations *MUST* be submitted via this email, along with any/all supporting documentation attached to the message.
- Nominations must be turned in and complete by date referenced on <u>OPTA website</u>.

The Nominator is responsible for submitting the following documents as a single email

- Current Curriculum Vitae / Resume of the nominee
- Two letters of support focusing on the strengths of the nominee in relation to award criteria from the following:
 - o Letter of nomination not to exceed 3 pages
 - o Additional letter of support, not to exceed 2 pages

Notification of receipt of nomination packet

- After successful submission of the online nomination form, a confirmation page will appear.
- The Awards Committee Chair will notify the nominator when all required materials have been received and the nomination package is considered complete.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

• The Awards Committee Chair will notify the award recipient/nominator pair AND those not selected promptly via a formal letter sent on OPTA letterhead.