NATA-SLC First-Time Attendee National Convention Award Policy

The intent of this award is to provide a total of $2,000 in award money to selected athletic training students who have applied and met the requirements for the award to attend the annual NATA Clinical Symposia and AT Expo.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to set criteria for the NATA-SLC budgeted fund for applicants of the First-Time Attendee National Convention Award.

**Award Criteria**

-The applicant must be self-nominated.

-Applicant must be enrolled in a CAATE accredited professional program and ineligible to sit for the BOC exam.

-Applicant must have an NPI number by the application deadline (included on the application) unless an international student in which case this will be waived.

-Applicant must be a first time NATA Convention Attendee during the 2019 NATA Convention in Las Vegas, NV.

-Must currently be enrolled in a CAATE accredited athletic training program and in good standing within their athletic training program.

-Application materials must be completed entirely. Incomplete applications will not continue through the selection process.

-Application materials submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

-Program director verification form completed by the athletic training program director is required.

-Must be a NATA member in good standing at least two months prior to the award deadline.

-Recipients will be selected by the NATA-SLC and notified by the NATA-SLC outreach chair by May 1st of the deadline year.

 -Award recipients **MUST** attend the NATA-SLC Student Reception in the Cramer Lounge during the annual convention to receive the award money.

**Selection Criteria**

-Applications will be scored on a point system. The maximum amount of points available will be 40 points.

-All applications will begin the review process no early than the day of the application deadline.

-Completed application (program director verification form, letter of recommendation, completed sections within the application) in PDF format, emailed to the NATA-SLC Outreach Chair no later than the established deadline. (0-10 points)

-Overall presentation of application materials (neatness, spelling/grammatical errors). (0-5 points)

-Overall GPA of no lower than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. (0-5 points)

-Commitment to athletic training; is athletic training his/her intended career? (0-5 points)

-Professional involvement will be reviewed. (0-5 points)

-Community involvement will be reviewed. (0-5 points)

-Quality of letter of recommendation (recommend, highly recommended, recommended without reservation) will be reviewed. (0-5 points)

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