

APA Board of Directors Student Prize Nomination Form



Call for nomination

Established in 2018, this award was created by the APA Board of Directors to recognise an APA student member who has demonstrated leadership capacity through their outstanding contribution to the APA and the greater community.

Nominations must be proposed by the Head or a senior lecturer of the student's Physiotherapy School.

Criteria

Nominees must meet the following requirements:

- enrolled in an entry-level physiotherapy program
- current APA student member
- hold at least credit level, or equivalent average grades, across their entry-level program
- be studying physiotherapy at an Australian university and graduating in 2026.

Nominees will be judged on:

- contributions made to the APA student network and their university
- leadership, motivation and ability to inspire others, beyond their contribution to the APA
- involvement in community-focused activities, such as charitable work, support programs for people with chronic disease or disability, health promotion or advocacy
- commitment to strong academic progress in their entry-level program.

The Award

The award recipient will receive:

- \$1000 from the APA and their corporate partner ASICS
- free APA New Graduate Membership (in the year they first become eligible)
- free membership to two APA national groups of their choice (in the same year as the New Graduate Membership)
- \$500 APA professional development voucher from the APA and their corporate partner Flexeze (to be used in the first year after graduation).



The award recipient will be required to make themselves available for up to three APA appearances within 13 months of winning the award to promote the APA and the Board of Directors award. Appearances may include speaking at student information evenings, university events and other APA activities. Dates and times will be arranged by mutual agreement.

The award recipient is determined by the APA Board of Directors. The Board's decision is final and no appeals will be considered.

Nominee's details

Name of Nominee:	
University:	
APA Membership Number:	
Contact Details:	

Proposer's details

Name of Proposer:	
Position:	
Contact Details:	

Reason for nomination

Supporting documents and certificates can be attached (i.e. previous awards, press, letter of thanks, certificates of achievement, etc)

Contributions to the Student and University Networks

Please detail in 250 words or less the nominee's contribution to the Physiotherapy Student and University Networks (can be supported by contributions made in previous years). This can include contributions made at a national, state and local level—both formal and informal. Information should detail the level of involvement of the nominee and the level of impact of the work done by the nominee.

Display of exceptional leadership and high motivation that inspired others

Please detail in 250 words or less how the nominee has shown exceptional leadership and displayed high motivation that inspired others. Information should detail the level of involvement of the nominee in the program/work done and the level of impact of that program/work.

Contribution to the community

Please detail in 250 words or less how the nominee has had a significant involvement in an activity, or activities that contributed to the community. This could include areas such as charitable works, support programs for people with chronic disease or disability, health promotion or advocacy programs. Information should detail the level of involvement of the nominee in the program/work done and the level of impact of that program/work.

Reference/testimonial

The proposer may include a reference/testimonial of up to 150 words to support the nomination.

Academic transcripts

Please provide academic transcripts or equivalent to show that the nominee has an ability to maintain high standards of academic progress in their entry-level program (to a credit level or equivalent). Please provide with this the average grade maintained across the duration of the program. This is a requirement of the scoring process. By being nominated, the nominee agrees for this information to be provided.

Proposer's signature

I have informed the nominee they are being nominated for this award.

Signed:

Date:

**Submissions must be received by 9.00am AEST Friday 28 August 2026.
Late nominations will not be considered.**

**Please submit your nomination to Jody Hammel, APA's BoD Student Prize returning officer
at Jody.Hammel@australian.physio**

Please be advised that to prevent nominees from being disadvantaged by circumstances beyond the APA's control, (eg: disruption of mail deliveries, telecommunications faults etc), it is the responsibility of the nominee to confirm that their nomination has been received by the closing date.