***Application for Distinguished Leadership Award***

This award is presented to a professional who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of health, physical education, recreation, and dance.

**Award Criteria**

* Ten (10) or more years of teaching experience, five (5) of which must be consecutive and completed prior to being recommended for the award.
* A member of SHAPE NJ for a minimum of ten (10) years OR an individual who is not eligible for SHAPE NJ membership but has made significant contributions to the discipline (and therefore would not have to meet the criteria of ten {10} or more years of teaching).
* Evidence of significant contributions to professional organizations, school, or community.
* Submits at least two letters of recommendation in support of the criteria.

**APPLICANT’S NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**EMAIL:**

1. Please provide documentation of your 10 or more professional years of experience, 5 years of which must be consecutive years completed previously to being nominated for this award.
2. Please provide documentation of NJAHPERD membership for a minimum of 10 years.
3. Please summarize in essay form, your evidence of successful experiences in the categories listed above.
4. Please include two letters of recommendation that support the above criteria.

**Application Due Date:** November 15th

**Award Winners will be notified by:** February 1st.

**Note:** please scan letters of recommendation and essay and send them as part of your application packet.

**Directions for Submission of Application**

**Required Application Materials:**

* Online Application
* Requested documentation Award criteria essays.
* 2 Letters of recommendation

*Please return completed application, requested documentation and at least two letters of recommendation to the NJAHPERD Executive Director:* *executive\_director@shapenj.org**.*

Incomplete portfolios or portfolios received after the deadline will not be considered.