



## **The Walter H. Frank, CO, Honorary New Jersey Practitioner and Humanitarian Award**

### **Purpose**

The Board of Directors of the New Jersey chapter of the American Academy of Orthotics and Prosthetics (NJAAOP) has assumed the responsibility to provide education to healthcare practitioners involved in orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic patient services.

Practitioners within our field greatly impact the lives of those they serve. Also, the significant efforts of these professionals and their patients influence how our society views challenged individuals. So, to reward these efforts and ensure further excellence, the NJAAOP has created a method to annually recognize this greatness that all of us possess.

To express their gratitude to those who have met these challenges, the NJAAOP will present them with the Walter H. Frank, CO, Honorary Practitioner Award. This award will identify and reward the most dedicated individuals who provide orthotic, prosthetic or pedorthic services to the residents of New Jersey.

The NJAAOP wishes to recognize them as outstanding individuals, practitioners with noble goals who excel to provide humanitarian services.

**Nomination Instructions**

Anyone is invited to nominate a professional prosthetist, orthotist, pedorthist or technician who provides services to patients in New Jersey. This professional must have dedicated himself/herself to orthotics, prosthetics or pedorthics either in practice and or in advancement of the profession.

This professional must have been engaged in these professions for more than five (5) consecutive years in New Jersey on a full-time basis. Any individual who has previously received this award is ineligible for nomination.

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**Application**

Category of Nomination (circle one): Prosthetist, Orthotist, Prosthetist/Orthotist, Pedorthist, Technician.

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a minimum of three (3) endorsements by patients, physicians, therapists or other O&P professionals. To enhance the candidate’s chance of receiving this award, include photographs, newspaper articles or any material that will be helpful to the committee on their selection. **DO NOT SEND** original photographs, newspaper articles or anything that is unique. Instead, send copies. Nomination applications and attached materials will not be returned. All materials, once, submitted become the property of NJAOP for the purposes of this award program and will not be returned. Incomplete, inaccurate or duplicated information on an application will result in the removal of the nominee from the selection process without further consideration.

Nominating Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorsement #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Endorsement #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Endorsement #3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Your signature indicates your endorsement of their nomination and your willingness to be interviewed by phone.*

**Endorsement #4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Endorsement #5**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Endorsement #6**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Your signature indicates your endorsement of their nomination and your willingness to be interviewed by phone.*

**Selection Criteria:**

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the nominees. The nominee must be

- A member in good standing of NJ AAOP with current period C.E. credits/in-service involvement w/ P&O practitioners
- Committed to sustained professional growth within the prosthetic, orthotic and/or pedorthic fields.
- Currently holding or has held offices within AAOP.
- Committed to involvement in their state and and/or national O&P organizations and O&P educational programs.
- Able to foster involvement and generate excitement among their patients and colleagues regarding advancements in the field (such as hosting in-services for amputees groups, stroke groups, etc.)
- Involved with outreach programs and organizations in the community that foster sensitivity to patients (such as hosting in-services with allied health organizations).
- Exhibit individual achievement, professional involvement and leadership within the community and the profession.
- Committed to offering humanitarian services for needy patients.

All nominations must include specific, detailed information regarding the nominee and the reasons this individual should receive this award. Up to five (5) typewritten pages (one side only and double-spaced) of supplemental materials may be provided. These may include but are not restricted to newspaper articles, letters of commendation, letters of appreciation, etc. When nominations arrive, they will be reviewed for completeness. Incomplete, excessive or duplicate applications will be disqualified.

### **Application Submission**

Applications must be completed and submitted to the NJAAOP

Douglas Reber [Dreber@hanger.com](mailto:Dreber@hanger.com)

Or mail to 612 Hill Dr, Brick, NJ 08724

Awards will be made annually at the New Jersey annual academy meeting in Atlantic City. Applications must be received approximately 45 days prior to the meeting date. This will allow us time to prepare a plaque and other collateral material. Previous winners are not eligible. Closing date to receive nominations is **no later than October 15, 2017**.