



AASP Award Nomination Application

Information

AASP's annual awards recognize the outstanding contributions of student and professional members whose work advances the knowledge base and enhances the delivery of services to consumers.

Recipients of each award will be officially recognized during the AASP 2025 Annual Conference to be held in Montréal, Quebec, Canada on October 15-18, 2025.

If you have any questions about how to submit your application after reading the directions below, please contact AASP at 317-205-9225. All nomination materials and letters of recommendation **must be sent to AASP headquarters and received by March 1*** of the award year.

Completing the Award Application: Instructions

The award application/nomination form is a fillable PDF form. This must be included as the first page of your award nomination packet.

When you are ready to submit, applicants **MUST** submit this document, along with any required supporting materials in ONE single attachment PDF file to the AASP office via email at info@appliedsportpsych.org by March 1. **Applications that do not follow guidelines per instructions will not be reviewed.**

**If you are submitting an application for the Performance Excellence award, please note that the submission deadline is November 1 for each year prior to the award being given.*

****If you are filling out for the Doctoral Dissertation award, you should submit two PDFs – one with a blind copy of the abstract only, and the other with your full application plus a non-blind abstract.**

****For the Master's Thesis Award, you should submit two PDFs – one with a blind full copy of the thesis only, and the other with your complete application plus a non-blind abstract.**

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Description of Awards

Dorothy V. Harris Memorial Award

The Dorothy V. Harris Memorial Award acknowledges the distinguished contributions of Dot Harris (1931-1991) to sport psychology by recognizing the efforts of an AASP professional in the early stage of their career. The recipient receives \$500 cash, a waived AASP Annual Conference registration fee in the year of the award, and a plaque awarded during a presentation summarizing the recipient's work.

Dr. Harris was regarded as an advocate and pioneer in the field of sport psychology and for women in sport. A longtime member of AASP and a Fellow, she was the first person to have many important roles in our field: she was the first American and woman to become a member of the International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP), the first resident sport psychologist at the United States Olympics Committee's (USOC) training center, the first recipient of the Women's Sport Foundation's award for contribution to women in sport, the first woman to be awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in Sport Psychology and in 1972, she headed the first research conference on women in sports. She was also a Fellow of the American Academy of Physical Education, Applied Sport Psychology Society, the International Society of Sport Psychology, and the first woman president of the North American Society of Sport Psychology and Physical Activity.

Dr. Harris earned her Bachelor's degree from James Madison University, a Master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a Doctoral degree from the University of Iowa. Dr. Harris went to The Pennsylvania State University in 1970, becoming full professor in 1973. Dr. Harris also started the nation's first graduate sport psychology specialization at Penn State University where she was a professor of Physical Education.

Award Criteria

The recipient of the award must meet the following criteria:

Received a doctoral degree no more than seven calendar years prior to nomination (not including any breaks in careers less than nine months*);

Made a significant contribution to AASP through conference presentations, publications in AASP journals, and/or involvement in committees; and

Demonstrated a record of scholarship or practice that clearly establishes the individual as a leading scholar/practitioner within AASP (e.g., research which has progressed the field, groundbreaking practice, mentoring), compared to colleagues at similar stages in their academic careers.

Evidence of national/international distinction should include reference to the innovation of the person's work; impact the work has had on the field of sport and exercise psychology, or the importance the work has in an applied setting. In all cases, the collected works of the individual should exhibit quality contributions that are both theoretical and practical, and that have been subjected to the critical review of established scholars/practitioners in the individual's area of expertise, and explicitly state how their work represents the spirit/contributions that Dot Harris made to the field.

AASP members who believe they are qualified can nominate themselves and are encouraged to do so. In addition, AASP members are encouraged to nominate qualified individuals for this Award.

Submission Guidelines

(to be attached in one single PDF sent to info@appliedsportpsych.org)

- Submit a letter of nomination with evidence for this distinction, which might include the innovation of the person's work, the impact the work has on the field of sport psychology, or the importance the work has in an applied setting;
- Include a current curriculum vitae;
- Provide a 1-2 page summary of the nominee's work emphasizing the applied importance and connections to the work or values of Dr. Harris;
- Include reprints of five peer-reviewed publications that demonstrate how the applicant's contributions have been both theoretical and practical;
- Include two (2) letters of recommendation for the nominee;
- No mention of or attempted connection to the work or legacy of Dr. Dot Harris will result in the application being rejected.

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Doctoral Dissertation Award

The Dissertation Award recognizes the completion of an outstanding dissertation by an AASP doctoral student member (dissertation must have been completed between January 1 - December 31, 2024). The recipient receives a \$500 check, a waived AASP Annual Conference registration fee in the year of the award, and a plaque presented during the conference.

AASP invites student members to submit applications for the outstanding doctoral dissertation award. Applicants for the AASP Dissertation Award must meet the following guidelines:

- Completed a dissertation on a topic related to sport, exercise, and/or health psychology between January 1 - December 31
- Applicants must be a current member of AASP and have been a member in AASP at least one additional year preceding the application

Submission Guidelines

1. Submit one copy of the entire dissertation.
2. Provide one original and one blind (no reference to author or affiliation) copy of a long abstract (up to three single-spaced pages). The abstract should include title, study purpose, method, results, and discussion.
3. Include a letter of support (two pages maximum) from the chair of the dissertation committee and a copy of the signed cover sheet (used by universities and signed by dissertation committee members indicating acceptance and completion of the dissertation work) with the application.

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Distinguished International Scientist-Practitioner Award

The objectives of the Distinguished International Scientist-Practitioner Award are to (a) recognize and honor the achievements of outstanding individuals from the international community whose scientific and/or applied work has significantly impacted the field of sport and performance psychology, and (b) foster the internationality of AASP and sport and performance psychology. Like AASP Fellows, the recipient of this award would be carefully selected to represent a small, but significant, sample of outstanding individuals in the field of sport and performance psychology.

Award Criteria

The recipient of the award must meet the following criteria:

- The recipient must reside in and be a native from a country outside of the US and Canada.
- Significantly impacts the field of sport and performance psychology. The recipient must have made significant contributions to the scientific body of knowledge in sport and performance psychology as evidenced by a distinguished record of publications and/or by exceptional quality and innovation in delivering services to the public. However, this does not mean that their job or primary interest is in sport and performance psychology, but rather that their work impacts the field of sport and performance psychology. For example, an eminent psychology theoretician or renowned clinical practitioner could become an AASP DISP.
- Has been recognized for their international impact on knowledge development and/or practical application in the field of sport and performance psychology as evidenced by international publications, worldwide presentations, conference proceedings, and/or coaching education and programs developed internationally, promotion of sport and exercise psychology education and application in several areas (e.g., sports, education, arts, business) within diverse international institutions, community, and the media (i.e., their work is known beyond their own country).
- Received approval from the AASP Executive Board following selection by the International Relations Committee.
- Although the nominated candidate does not need to be an AASP member, they need to be nominated by a current member in good standing.

DISP is an award, not a type of AASP membership. Individuals who attain AASP DISP status are not granted voting privileges, but rather are recognized and honored as a DISP.

Submission Guidelines

An AASP member must nominate candidates for this award.

Please include the following materials in your application:

- A letter of nomination for the candidate from an AASP member describing, in detail, the achievements of the candidate in relation to the award criteria (three [3] pages maximum). The AASP member who nominates the candidate cannot also write one of the support letters.

- Two (2) letters of support for the candidate specifically describing the quality of the candidate's work and the impact that his/her work has had on the field of sport and exercise psychology. At least one of these letters has to be written by a professional in the sport and exercise psychology field.
- The candidate's Curriculum Vitae, which must be written in English and limited to a maximum of 6 pages.

DISP Selection and Recognition Procedures

- The vitae and nomination letter for DISP status should be electronically sent to info@appliedsportpsych.org by March 1 each year so that the International Relations Committee can evaluate and select the nominees.
- DISP would be recognized at the AASP conference every year and the conference fee will be waived to the DISP. A plaque will be given to the award winner at the conference.
- The DISP receives a check of \$500.

