

***Nominations now being accepted for the following awards.
2014 ASTRA Recreation Therapist of the Year Award***

The 2013-2014 ASTRA Board of Directors would like to encourage our members to acknowledge and reward our professionals and nominate individuals for the ***2014 ASTRA Recreation Therapist of the Year Award.***

This award will recognize the recipient's outstanding contribution to Recreational Therapy through creative and innovative programming in the clinical setting, promotion of the profession and service to upcoming professionals.

Qualifications:

- Active member of ASTRA
- At least 2 of the following criteria:
 - Minimum of 3 years full-time employment in the field
 - Evidence of creative and/or innovative programming in a clinical setting
 - Promotion of RT through supervision of student interns and/or mentoring interns or new graduates
 - Evidence of promotion of the profession

2014 ASTRA Outstanding Professional Award

The 2013-2014 ASTRA Board of Directors would like to encourage our members to acknowledge and reward our professionals and nominate individuals for the ***2014 ASTRA Outstanding Professional Award.***

Qualifications:

- Active member of ASTRA
- At least 3 of the following criteria:
 - A minimum of 5 years full-time employment in the field
 - Distinctive leadership in the promotion, organization, and development of new and/or unique RT programming.
 - Contributions to the RT profession on national, state, and local levels
 - Evidence of Leadership within the profession either as an elected official of a position within an RT association or as a RT association committee member
 - Participation in RT professional research, publications, and/or presentations

2014 ASTRA Institution or Organization Award

The 2013-2014 ASTRA Board of Directors would like to encourage our members to acknowledge and reward our professionals and nominate individuals for the ***2014 ASTRA Institution or Organization Award***.

This award will recognize any agency, institution, and/or organization whose major purpose is to advocate, promote, and/or provide RT services to persons with disabilities, including any public, private, or voluntary agency.

Qualifications:

- Promotion of RT services at any level
- Development of new and/or innovated RT services/techniques
- Sponsorship or support of RT related educational opportunities
- Preparing or sponsorship of RT related legislation
- Supportive of RT related research

Directions for Submitting Professional Nominations:

- ***E-mail your nominations by February 21st, 2014*** to Beth Dietrich at beth.dietrich@va.gov.
- Include the following information:
 - The recipient's name and contact information (email)
 - Title of the deserved award
 - A brief (50 words or less) description of why you feel the individual should receive the award

2014 ASTRA ASU Student Recognition Award

The 2013-2014 ASTRA Board of Directors would like to encourage the ASTRA ASU Student members to acknowledge his/her contributions and academic achievements by applying for the ***2014 ASTRA ASU Student Recognition Award***.

Qualifications:

- An Active member of the ASU ASTRA Student Club
- Must be a Junior or Senior enrolled in the Therapeutic Recreation Program with a 2.5 grade point average or higher
- Must have ASU TR Instructor support

- Must submit a maximum of 500 word essay describing your academic/professional goals and achievements that demonstrate professional promise and commitment to the Therapeutic Recreation Profession

Directions for Submitting Student Nominations:

- Interested Students should email the below items to Beth Dietrich at beth.dietrich@va.gov by **February 21st, 2014**:
 - Name and contact information (email)
 - The name of the ASU TR Instructor supporting the nomination
 - Current resume
 - 500 word essay

Thank you,
The ASTRA Board of Directors