



NATA CAC National Distinction Award Nominee Form

Please answer each of the following questions below with sufficient depth and breadth. Attention should be focused on how the nominee has exceeded expectations and/or gone “above and beyond” in these areas.

- 1. Please describe and provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated exemplary character traits.**

This may include (but are not limited to) specific examples of how they embody and personify traits such as honor, integrity, humility, commitment, selflessness, generosity, authenticity, respect for others, etc.

- 2. Please designate and list examples of how the nominee values their personal well-being and pursues personal growth.**

Examples of this include (but are not limited to) specific descriptions of how the nominee prioritizes their own mental and physical health, demonstrates work-life integration, pursues social and emotional learning and self-improvement through increased self-awareness, self-discipline, adaptability, resilience, accountability, attitude, courage, etc.

- 3. Please explain and provide examples of how the nominee displays job and career satisfaction and prioritizes their professional growth, development, and longevity.**

Examples of this include (but are not limited to) specific descriptions of how the nominee maintains positive attitudes towards work, demonstrates initiative/motivation, and how they have evolved their skills, value, or relevance. Also, how the nominee seeks/pursues growth, advances their career, roles, responsibilities, titles, or credentials in addition to serving as a mentor to others.

- 4. Please describe and list examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence in clinical practice.**

Evidence should include (but is not limited to) specific examples of exceptional patient outcomes, successful patient cases, above and beyond patient care, testimonials, etc.

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5. Please explain and provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence in education and scholarship.

Examples of this include (but are not limited to) specific descriptions of innovation in teaching, preceptorship, and/or continuing education in addition to positive student outcomes and advocacy for advancement of AT education. Furthermore, publications, presentations, research grants, mentorship of student/peer research, and/or other participation in the scholarly dissemination of knowledge.

6. Please detail and provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence in professional service, leadership, and advocacy.

Examples of this include (but are not limited to) specific descriptions of the nominee's volunteerism at the state, district, and/or national level. Also, other formal or informal leadership roles the nominee has held and the impact of their leadership. Furthermore, nominators should discuss how the nominee has advocated for the growth and sustainability of the profession.

7. Please discuss the nominee's efforts in pursuing, leading, promoting, enacting, and guiding others in the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and access (DEIA).

Examples of this include (but are not limited to) specific descriptions of the nominee's efforts to recruit diverse individuals to the profession or workplace, mentor individuals from underrepresented groups, teaching or learning about DEIA topics, using inclusive and respectful language, advocating for policies and procedures that promote DEIA, practicing cultural competency, providing service to diverse and marginalized communities, actively supporting individuals who face discrimination or bias, using privilege to amplify marginalized voices, etc.

