



Society of Health and Physical Educators - Michigan

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Dance Teacher of the Year Criteria

- Employed full time with 50% of time devoted to dance (aerobic dance is not included).
- Member of National Dance Association (not required for SHAPE Michigan but is required for SHAPE America Midwest District and SHAPE America awards).
- Teaching dance for a minimum of three years
- Teaching creatively and utilizing various methodologies
- Presenting a balance and sequential curriculum based on the developmental, social, and physiological needs of the students
- Emphasizing the significance of dance as an integral cultural component that enables students to understand their own cultural heritage as well as that of others.
- Promoting an understanding of dance as a creative art through the discussion of aesthetics of students' work own works and/or works of others.
- Encouraging an appreciation of dance as a performing art through viewing live and/or filmed works by professional dance companies.
- Providing opportunities for students to share their creative work through appropriate audiences.
- Serving as a role model for students
- Showing professional commitment through membership and active participation in local, state, and/or national dance organizations.

The winners of this award will have their nominations sent to SHAPE America Midwest District. Criteria for the state award do align with the criteria from SHAPE America Midwest District, SHAPE America, and NDA.