

### Academy Distinguished Practitioner Award Judging Rubric

**AWARD DESCRIPTION:** This award is intended to recognize those members who have distinguished themselves through their personal dedication and leadership to the advancement of the orthotic and prosthetic profession. This individual must have demonstrated a record of sustained contributions and commitment to the advancement of the ideals of the Academy and the profession. The award is intended to be presented as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors to no more than one person per year.

**Nominator must demonstrate how nominee meets each criteria, providing specific examples.**

**Prerequisites:** The nominee must be an Academy member in good standing.

This rubric ensures a structured and fair evaluation process, recognizing the nominee who has shown exceptional dedication and leadership in advancing the orthotic and prosthetic profession and the ideals of the Academy.

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	SCORE
<b>Dedication to the Profession</b>	Demonstrates exceptional and unwavering dedication to the advancement of the orthotic and prosthetic profession.	
<b>Leadership in the Profession</b>	Exemplifies outstanding leadership that has significantly influenced and inspired others in the profession.	
<b>Sustained Contributions</b>	Has made substantial and long-term contributions that have significantly advanced the profession and the Academy.	
<b>Commitment to the Academy's Ideals</b>	Demonstrates exceptional commitment to advancing the ideals of the Academy through various initiatives and efforts.	
<b>Professional Influence and Mentorship</b>	Has greatly influenced and mentored numerous professionals, inspiring future leaders in the profession.	
<b>Innovation and Vision</b>	Demonstrates exceptional innovation and vision that have led to groundbreaking advancements in the profession.	
<b>Overall Contribution to the Community</b>	Has made a profound and lasting contribution to the orthotics and prosthetics community at large.	
<b>FINAL SCORE OUT OF 35</b>		

**Scoring Guidelines**

- 5 points:** Nomination describes at least five of these behaviors.
- 4 points:** Nomination describes at least four of these behaviors.
- 3 points:** Nomination describes at least three of these behaviors.
- 2 points:** Nomination describes at least two of these behaviors.
- 1 point:** Nomination describes at least one of these behaviors.
- 0 points:** Nomination provided no information on this criterion.

**Evaluation Process**

- 1. Nomination Review:** Each nominee's accomplishments and contributions will be reviewed and scored individually based on the criteria.
- 2. Scoring:** Each judge will score the nominees on a scale of 0 to 5 for each criterion.
- 3. Total Score:** The scores from all criteria will be summed to obtain the total score for each nominee.
- 4. Discussion and Consensus:** Judges will discuss the scores and provide justifications. A consensus will be reached to select the most deserving candidate.
- 5. Award Decision:** The nominee with the highest total score, provided they meet the high standards set by the Board of Directors, will be recommended for the award.