



DALE A. ULRICH LEADERSHIP AWARD

The North American Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (NAFAPA) offers the Dale A. Ulrich Leadership Award biennially in conjunction with the NAFAPA symposium. The Dale A. Ulrich Leadership Award is the most prestigious award offered by NAFAPA.

Nomination Requirements:

- The Dale A. Ulrich Leadership Award is granted to an individual with a *distinguished career of outstanding professional contributions* to the field of Adapted Physical Activity.
- Contributions may be in the areas of research, teaching, service, program administration, and clinical practice among others.
- NAFAPA membership is not a requirement for this award.

Nomination Process:

A call for nominations will be posted on the NAFAPA website and sent to all NAFAPA members in February of the year of the NAFAPA symposium. A nominator other than the award candidate must submit the nomination package. Self-nominations are not allowed. The nominator must submit all materials to the NAFAPA past-president, Dr. Justin Haegele, via email at jhaegele@odu.edu by **March 1, 2026**. The nominator must provide in PDF form the following materials:

1. A cover letter presenting a compelling case for the nominee. The letter should include pertinent information regarding the nominee's contributions to Adapted Physical Activity.
2. The nominee's Curriculum Vitae highlighting professional accomplishments.
3. Up to two letters of support by other professionals who can attest the nominee's contributions (*no more than 2 letters of support should be submitted*).

Evaluation Procedure:

Nominations are evaluated by a committee chaired by the NAFAPA immediate past-president. Additional NAFAPA members who are experienced researchers will be invited by the NAFAPA past-president to serve as members of the committee. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications by June 1, 2026.

Award:

The recipient of the Dale A. Ulrich Award is expected to attend the NAFAPA symposium. The recipient of the award is acknowledged and receives a certificate. A public announcement of the recipient's name will also be made on the NAFAPA website.