

**APTA OF MA
RICHARD KESSLER MEMORIAL AWARD**

This award was established in 2003 to honor the memory of Richard Kessler. Richard Kessler was the owner of Kessler Therapy Equipment who unselfishly assisted many physical therapists in starting their practices by extending credit and customer service that was not the norm. This award honors an individual physical therapist who has given of themselves to society without thought of personal or professional gain.

The purpose of this award is to recognize a physical therapist with those qualities Richard Kessler displayed in a professional and friendly manner. First, his persona exemplified dignity and a loyalty to physical therapy. Secondly, his persona exemplified compassion and generosity with sensitivity to the needs of others.

Eligibility

Recipient must be an active, active life, affiliate or affiliate life member in good standing of the APTA of Massachusetts for at least 5 years.

Qualifications

1. Must be a member of APTA for at least 5 years.
2. Must have demonstrated leadership ability
3. Support innovation in clinical and/or administration area
4. Demonstrate community involvement and service

Method of Nomination

1. Nominees must submit an application for the award
2. Must include 3 letters of reference addressing how the candidate meets or exceeds the established criteria
3. Submit nominations for consideration to tamara@leahymg.com

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS: All nominations and supporting documents
are due mid September.**

Selection

1. The nomination committee will select one candidate annually and make its recommendation to the APTA of MA BoD.
2. The award will be presented to the recipient at the APTA of MA annual conference & exposition.

Award

A framed certificate and a transferable gift certificate to APTA of MA's following year's Annual Conference.

The Certificate Shall Read:

To _____

In memory of Richard Kessler who exemplified the qualities of selflessness with compassion and dignity for others, that you so display in the practice of physical therapy and to the community at large. Presented by the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association on this day (DATE).