

## SHAPE America Teacher of the Year – FAQs

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### FAQs for Past and Current SHAPE America Teacher of the Year award winners

**1. How were the new Teacher of the Year partners selected?**

In July 2019, SHAPE America shared a public/open Call for Proposals, inviting organizations to submit proposals illustrating their interest in supporting the Teacher of the Year program. Submitting organizations were asked to address a number of specific questions, including: how they align with SHAPE America’s mission and the SHAPE America Teacher of the Year program categories; why program partnership was of interest and how they sought to bring value to the program; description of desired partnership strategy; desired length of partnership; financial and/or in-kind support offered; etc. Proposal received were vetted by the CEO and the SHAPE America senior management team. All prospective partners participated in a series of in-depth conversations with SHAPE America leadership.

**2. When do the agreements for SPARK, WellTrain, Gopher and G-W take effect?**

All of our new partners agreements will be aligned with the SHAPE America Teacher of the Year program year. Agreements will take effect April 1, 2020 and expire on March 31, 2023

**3. How do I place my SHAPE America Teacher of the Year equipment order for the 2020 SHAPE America National Convention & Expo in Salt Lake City?**

Information regarding protocols for ordering equipment will be provided at a later date.

**4. How will the 2020 National Teachers of the Year place equipment orders for presentations during the 2020 SHAPE America Professional Learning Institute in Louisville, KY (August 3-5)?**

Information regarding protocols for ordering equipment will be provided at a later date.

**5. How will travel stipends for presentations (state and regional conferences) be facilitated?**

Information regarding protocols for travel stipends will be provided at a later date.

## **6. What should I expect for the SHAPE America National Convention in Salt Lake City?**

- SHAPE America will ensure that your experience at the National Convention & Expo is of the highest quality.
- The 2019 SHAPE America Teachers of the Year will still present their group presentations.
- The 2019 SHAPE America National Teachers of the Year will still announce the 2020 SHAPE America National Teachers of the Year respective to their content area.
- SHAPE America Teachers of the Year (current and alumni) will be invited to a VIP reception (Teacher of the Year Meet & Greet) during the Opening Celebration on Wednesday, April 22.
- 2020 SHAPE America District Teachers of the Year will be recognized during the Friday Closing Session on April 24.
- 2020 SHAPE America District Teachers of the Year will be invited to a VIP “red carpet” reception on Friday, April 24, prior to the Hall of Fame Celebration and Giveback Event.
- 2020 SHAPE America National Teachers of the Year will be announced during the Hall of Fame Celebration and Giveback Event on Friday, April 24.

## **7. What shirt do I wear for my presentations?**

- 2020 SHAPE America Teachers of the Year will receive a polo shirt for presentations made after April 1, 2020.
- SHAPE America Teachers of the Year (2019 and prior) may wear any professional attire they choose, although preferably SHAPE America Teacher of the Year merchandise. SHAPE America recommends that attire not include branding for entities other than SHAPE America, SPARK, WellTrain, Gopher or G-W, as a courtesy to our Partner Network. SHAPE America will make official Teacher of the Year apparel available for purchase to interested parties.

## **8. I am a 2020 SHAPE America District Teacher of the Year and am interested to learn more about the National Training and Networking opportunity mentioned for summer 2020.**

- The National Training and Networking program is tentatively scheduled for July 7-9, 2020 in San Diego, CA.

- This is an optional opportunity for the 2020 class of District and National TOYs. Participation is NOT required but is strongly encouraged.
- The Partner Network will cover airfare or mileage (depending on origin of trip); hotel rooms (which will be shared or individuals may cover half the room cost for their own room); food during the Training to include dinner on the night of arrival (Day 1), breakfast/lunch/dinner (Day 2), and breakfast/lunch (Day 3).
- Airport parking, transport to-and-from the airport and food during travel will be at the expense of the individual.
- Representatives from SHAPE America, SPARK, WellTrain, Gopher and G-W will be participating in the Training.

**9. I am a SHAPE America Teacher of the Year alumni and am interested in serving as a mentor to current and/or future award winners. What opportunities are available and how can I participate?**

- The 2019 SHAPE America Teachers of the Year will be invited to attend the Teacher of the Year Briefing on Wednesday, April 22 to mentor and meet the 2020 SHAPE America District Teachers of the Year.
- The SHAPE America Teacher of the Year program manager will provide opportunities for Teacher of the Year Alumni to connect with the current class of SHAPE America Teachers of the Year.
- Interested Teacher of the Year Alumni should contact Michelle Carter, [mcarter@shapeamerica.org](mailto:mcarter@shapeamerica.org).
- The SHAPE America Teacher of the Year Partner Network is excited to offer mentorship opportunities, Information regarding what opportunities are available and how you can participate will be provided at a later date.

**10. I understand that new professional development opportunities will be offered to Teachers of the Year (current and alumni). Can you provide more information on the types of programming that will be offered and how I can take advantage of these opportunities?**

- SHAPE America will guide 2020 SHAPE America Teachers of the Year in preparing for the presentations for the 2021 National Convention & Expo in Baltimore, MD.
- The SHAPE America Teacher of the Year Partner Network is excited to offer new professional development opportunities. We are in the process of setting this up and

look forward to sharing “what will be available” at a later date. Look forward to an online professional development platform that will house Professional Development resources, track personal and professional growth opportunities. We will offer technical assistance and support for Teachers of the Year to gain the skills and knowledge to participate and take on future leadership roles. Offerings will ensure a focus on both personal and professional growth and will be delivered through face-to-face and online channels.

**11. I’m interested in creating content and resources to be distributed through SHAPE America and the Partner Network. What opportunities are available and how can I participate?**

- SHAPE America will offer opportunities for Teachers of the Year to submit content through *Momentum*, the SHAPE America blog, and the Member Voices section of the My SHAPE America community.
- The 2020 SHAPE America District and National Teachers of the Year will be offered an opportunity to present an individual session at the 2021 National Convention & Expo in Baltimore, MD on the topic/content of their choice.
- More information on available opportunities and how you can participate will be available at a later date.

**12. Who do I contact with questions?**

- SHAPE America contact: Michelle Carter ([mcarter@shapeamerica.org](mailto:mcarter@shapeamerica.org))
- SPARK/WellTrain/Gopher contact: Julie Frank ([juliefrank@sparkpe.org](mailto:juliefrank@sparkpe.org))
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