



## NSSA Step U.P Awards

The purpose of the inaugural Step U.P. Awards is to recognize those individuals who promote the positive aspects of stepping – both with students and in the community. The awards and recognition are to reflect activity during the 2006 calendar year. The categories are:

### Coach/Mentors of the Year Awards

Outstanding Coach of the Year (High School grades)

- 2 categories: *Female Team & Male/Coed Team*

Outstanding Coach of the Year (Middle School grades)

- 2 categories: *Female Team & Male/Coed Team*

The NSSA will recognize 2 awardees in each category, 8 awardees total for 2006.

### NSSA High School Academic All-American Recognition

- ◆ Recognizing high school (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) step team members who maintain at least a 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### Outstanding Step Show Event of the Year Awards

Junior (Youth) Step Show event

College Step Show event

Alumni Step Show event

The NSSA will recognize one event in each category.

## Award Criteria

### Criteria for Coach/Mentor of the Year award:

The coach of the year award is designed to recognize individuals who give of their time to mentor & teach the art of step to youth.

- ◆ Individual(s) being recommended must have been involved with the step program at least 1 year.
- ◆ A group of coaches can be recommended as the “team coach” on one nomination form, the group of coaches would win collectively if selected as the coach of that team (i.e. Ms. Staley and Ms. Thomas jointly coach the Carver Middle School step team they should be nominated together.)
- ◆ The coach application will need 2 letters of support. These letters can be from the organization (i.e. principal or another teacher at Carver Middle School) or community supporter/benefactor (i.e. a parent of a child on the team).

### Criteria for NSSA High School Academic All-American recognition:

- ◆ The student must have been on the step team at least one semester, or in the case of a freshman team member, on the team starting in the fall semester.
- ◆ Identify at least 2 colleges that the student is considering attending



Coach of the Year Nomination Form

Name of the Step Team: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Team profiles (fill out both age group & gender information):

Age Group     High School Step Team     Middle School Team  
Gender         Female Team                       Male/Co-Ed Team

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Years affiliated with step program: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Years affiliated with step program: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name #3: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Years affiliated with step program: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How often does the team meet for practice during an average month? \_\_\_\_\_ Days per month

How many public performances did the step team have in 2006? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the requirements for students to be on the team? (i.e. academic performance, discipline, community service)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Letter of Support Section

Name of Person providing 1<sup>st</sup> letter of support: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Coach(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person providing 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of support: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Coach(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet, please outline the impact the coach(es) have had on the students in the program and the community. Please keep letter of support to no more than 250 total words.

Outstanding Step Show of the Year Nomination Form

Name of Step Show event: \_\_\_\_\_ Year event started: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring or Co-Sponsoring Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of step show event (check one):             Junior/Youth             College             Alumni

Event's Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Event's Co-Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

What community needs and/or activities are supported with the event's proceeds?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Winner(s) of the 2006 event: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the estimated attendance total at the 2006 event? \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of Support Section

Person providing letter of support for step show event:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Community group(s): \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet, please outline the impact the event had in the community and/or on campus. Please keep letter of support to under 250 total words.

NSSA High School Academic All-American Recognition Form

Name of Step Team \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Step Team (check one)       High School       Church       Community Group

Name of Sponsoring Organization (i.e. Carver High School): \_\_\_\_\_

Step Team Coach / 1<sup>st</sup> contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Step Team Coach / 2<sup>nd</sup> contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

***Step Team Members with 3.3+ GPA***

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges Considering: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges Considering: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges Considering: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges Considering: \_\_\_\_\_

*I affirm the students named above have a 3.3 GPA or above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Teacher or Step Team Coach*