



Guernsey Award

The Guernsey Award was established in 2007 to honor Drs. Bernard and Louise Guernsey, pioneers in the field of play therapy who were professors at the Pennsylvania State University where they worked to develop child centered play therapy and filial therapy, where parents learned to do therapeutic play sessions with their own children.

To be eligible for consideration for the Guernsey Award, candidates must:

- Hold the RPT-S credential
- Be a member in good standing of the Association for Play Therapy
- Have considerable (at least five years) experience in each of the following categories:
 1. The Practice of Play Therapy: Provide play therapy to children, adolescents, and families in a private practice setting; an agency setting; or a school setting.
 2. The Supervision of Play Therapy: Provide supervision to persons who are practicing play therapy and who are working toward the level of experience that qualifies them to be an RPT or RPT-S
 3. The Teaching of Play Therapy: Teach play therapy through conference presentations, a training center, or a university setting.
 4. The Promotion of Play Therapy: Speaking about play therapy to groups and organizations in order to promote understanding of how play therapy helps children; writing articles for professional publications or association newsletters
 5. The Leadership of Play Therapy: Serving on the national or a state APT Board; graduating from the APT Leadership Academy

Nominations of qualified individuals can be made by contacting the current Vice President (vice-president@paapt.org) of the Pennsylvania Association for Play Therapy. **Please include a letter of nomination (max. 1 page) along with the person's resume. The deadline for nominations is *March 3, 2024*.**

The PA-APT board will review nominations and choose a candidate who meets all the above criteria. The Award is presented each year at the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Association for Play Therapy.