**Background:** Each related program (health, dance, PE, athletics, sport management, adapted PE) from each institution of higher education (IHE) in NC can nominate one student, a rising junior or higher, as their future professional of the year. IHE’s may have more than one nominee based on the number of programs represented by NC SHAPE associations. All nominees will be recognized as their IHE’s nominee(s) at the Student Majors Association’s (SMA) business meeting. At the business meeting, one nominee from each NC SHAPE association will be announced and recognized as the Student Majors Association Future Professional of the Year for their respective field. Each of the overall winners will be invited to the NC SHAPE Awards Luncheon and Ceremony later that day.

Nominating Criteria:

The nominee(s) must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered:

* Minimum 3.00 GPA
* Must be a rising junior of higher

The nominee(s) must demonstrate the following qualities or characteristics:

* Active involvement in campus/community/professional activities
* Demonstrated leadership qualities

Submission Materials:

* Coversheet verifying the nominee’s credentials and submission materials
* Brief Narrative written by the nominee
* Letters of recommendation (maximum 3) from faculty, others

Nominee(s) materials will be submitted as one file by a representative from the nominating IHE.

The file will be submitted in a .pdf format and consist of the signed coversheet, followed by the nominee’s narrative, and finally, the letter(s) of recommendation. These documents should be arranged in one singular .pdf file. If an IHE has more than one submission, a separate file should be prepared for each nominee.

Review Process:

SMA co-advisors will review these submissions. Assistance will be provided by the

NC SHAPE Recognition Committee as needed. A rubric will be used that accounts for the criteria, quality of the narrative and the strength of the recommendations.