



NHNA Awards Program

Information and Nomination Package
NHNA Commission on Nursing Practice



New Hampshire Nurses' Association Awards Program

The New Hampshire Nurses' Association Annual Awards Program provides a prestigious opportunity to recognize outstanding performance by Registered and student nurses as well as exceptional support on the part of others in regard to the profession of nursing. Five awards are presented in October in conjunction with the NHNA Annual member meeting - and the Student award conveyed in the Spring.

1. Direct Care Nurse of the Year
2. Professional Advancement
3. Champion of Nursing (non-nurse recipient, individual, group or organization)
4. Nurse Leader of the Year
5. Student Nurse of the Year
6. President's Award

Recipients of the first five awards are selected based on nominations submitted to the NHNA Commission on Nursing Practice. The President's Award is given at the discretion of the NHNA President.

Subsequent pages include the award criteria for each and a Nomination Submission Form.

The Commission on Nursing Practice will annually seek nominations for award categories one through five. *NHNA membership is not required in order to be eligible for nomination.*

Please consider nominating an outstanding nursing professional, aspiring professional or nursing champion today!



1. Direct Care Nurse of the Year Award

This award is given to a registered nurse who exemplifies strength and passion as a professional nurse in clinical practice using best practice standards, patient advocacy and community involvement. This nurse is highly regarded as a leader among peers.

Evidence required for submission of nomination:

1. A letter of recommendation from a peer identifying nursing leadership and involvement in the community with an exemplar(s) reflecting evidence of professionalism, best practice and patient advocacy.
2. A letter of recommendation from management identifying evidence of professionalism, best practice and patient advocacy.

2. Professional Advancement Award

This award is given to a registered nurse who has made a significant contribution towards developing or advancing the professional practice of individuals or groups, or the art and science of nursing. The contribution may be in one or more of the following categories:

- Education (academic setting, staff development or other)
- Nursing Research
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Mentoring
- Leadership



The ideal candidate for this award is highly regarded by nursing colleagues and/or students as someone whose contributions consistently exceed those normally expected in his or her role.

Evidence required for submission of nomination:

A letter of recommendation from a peer/student/manager/nurse identifying nursing leadership with an exemplar(s) highlighting evidence reflecting outstanding contributions for the advancement of the profession.

3. Champion of Nursing Award

This award will be given each year to an employer/institution or individual who has had a positive impact on the profession of nursing. This employer/institution or individual will have contributed by demonstrating characteristics and/or practices that support individual nurses or the nursing profession.

Evidence required for submission of nomination:

A letter of recommendation from a nurse or other individual identifying leadership and involvement in the nursing community.

4. Leadership

The NHNA Leadership award is given to the New Hampshire Nurse Leader who positively impacts her/his healthcare organization by converting the challenges encountered in the workplace into great opportunities using leadership skills. Eligibility for this award includes those employed in leadership roles as well as those who volunteer for leadership positions within organizations.

Evidence required for submission of nomination: At least two letters of recommendation providing examples of how the nominee demonstrates transformational leadership through their:

- Communication skills;
- Knowledge;
- Professionalism, and
- Business skills (Note: these are identified by AONE as Nurse Leader competencies)

5. Student Nurse of the Year Award

This award is given to a student nurse in an entry program who embodies all the finest qualities of nursing: caring, professionalism, advocacy, leadership and involvement.

Evidence required for submission of nomination:

One letter of recommendation from an instructor and another from a peer with an exemplar(s) identifying evidence of caring, professionalism, advocacy, leadership and involvement.

6. President's Award

The New Hampshire Nurses' Association President's Award is given at the exclusive discretion of the President of the NHNA. The Office of the President of the NHNA provides a unique vantage point for identifying exceptional individuals who are worthy of recognition. The President is afforded absolute latitude in determining the criteria and qualifications for this award and may award more than one President's Award each year.





Nomination Form for all Awards

Name of Nominator: _____
Contact info: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Nominee: _____
(Note: the Champion of Nursing Award is for a non-nurse and may be an individual, group, healthcare facility or other entity)
Employer or School if applicable: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Award Category (Please select one – submit nominations for each categories separately.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Care Nurse of the Year | Submission deadline Sept. 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Advancement | Submission deadline Sept. 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champion of Nursing | Submission deadline Sept. 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | Submission deadline Sept. 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Nurse of the Year | Submission deadline February 1 |

Each nomination must be accompanied signed letters of recommendation as specified in the award description. Please send your nomination and letter to:

NHNA Nursing Practice Commission 25 Hall St. Unit 1E CONCORD, NH 03301
or scan and email to: office@nhnurses.org with 'Award Nomination' in subject line.