

OKLAHOMA NURSES ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN NURSING...

The Oklahoma Nurses Association has many members whose outstanding contributions should be recognized. The following award categories have been established to recognize excellence in Oklahoma Nursing:

EXCELLENCE IN NURSING NURSING RESEARCH AWARD NURSING IMPACT ON PUBLIC POLICY AWARD NIGHTINGALE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FRIEND OF NURSING AWARD EXCELLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees for ONA awards must meet specific criteria. These individuals must be ONA members, except for the Friend of Nursing Award, which is given to a non-nurse or for the WPA Excellence in the Workplace, which is presented to organizations. Members of the ONA Board of Directors and the Awards Selection Committee are not eligible for ONA awards during the period in which they serve in these capacities.

PROCEDURE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Nominations may be submitted by an individual, association, committees, regional nurses associations, nursing education programs, organized nursing services or the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.
2. Nominees Practice area may be in any service setting: education, primary care, legal, consulting, nurse entrepreneur, public policy, or any area in which professional nurses practice.
3. All nominations must be submitted on the appropriate Nomination Form and all requested information must be provided.
4. Materials required for nominations include the following:
 - a. completed nomination form
 - b. nominator's narrative statement (described below)
 - c. brief curriculum vitae and any additional pertinent information (not required for the Friend of Nursing award nominations)
 - d. two letters supporting the nomination, such as a supervisor or colleague
5. The narrative statement should detail the accomplishments of the nominee and be presented concisely. It is this narrative statement, which is weighed most heavily in the selection process.
6. Nominations and attached materials will be treated in a confidential manner.
7. Incomplete nominations will be declined.
8. Awards will be presented at the ONA convention on Thursday, October 30th. Recipients will be invited to attend the presentation of the award. If, because of extenuating circumstances, a recipient cannot be present, the presentation will be made in absentia.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The **deadline** for submission of nominations is **September 8, 2017**. Mail completed forms and supporting materials to:

Awards Selection Committee
Oklahoma Nurses Association
1111 N Lee, Ste. 243
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103

EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

The *Excellence in Nursing Award* is conferred on a member, who has developed an innovative, unique and creative approach that utilizes nursing theory and knowledge/skills in any practice setting: Administration, Education, and/or Direct Patient Care. The recipient should be recognized by peers as a role model of consistently high quality nursing practice and as one who enhances the image of professional nursing by creating an environment promoting professional autonomy and control over nursing practice.

NURSING RESEARCH AWARD

The *Nursing Research Award* recipient is a nurse who has made a significant impact on nursing practice through the use of research as a basis for practice innovation. Significant impact on nursing practice means that the nurse has contributed to the creation of new nursing knowledge through research findings; and has improved or created a plan for improving clinical nursing practice and/or patient outcomes in response to the findings.

NURSING IMPACT ON PUBLIC POLICY

Nursing Impact On Public Policy Award honors the nurse, whose activities are above and beyond those of the general nursing community to further the political presence of nursing and/or to accomplish positive public policy for the nursing profession.

NIGHTINGALE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The *Nightingale Award of Excellence* is conferred on an ONA member who during their career has:

- Demonstrated innovative strategies so as to fulfill job responsibilities and/or role responsibilities in their professional role and within the community they work and live.
- Consistently surpass expectations of a professional nurse; thus enhancing the image of nursing as a profession.
- Demonstrates sustained and substantial contribution to the Oklahoma Nurses Association.
- Served as a role model of consistent excellence in their area of practice.

Other professional behaviors, such as mentoring, advocacy, research conduction or utilization, publications and presentations should also be demonstrated throughout his/her career.

FRIEND OF NURSING

The *Friend of Nursing Award* is conferred on non-nurses who have rendered valuable assistance to the nursing profession. Their contributions and assistance are of statewide significance to nursing.

EXCELLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT

The Excellence in the Workplace Environment Award is presented to organizations that have developed positive work environments. These organizations must have developed an Innovative and effective program, approach or overall environment that promotes excellent nursing care, creating a positive environment for nurses to work and supports nurses in their practice.

Please include the following information with your nomination:

Name of Facility

Address of Facility

Supervising Nurse

Phone Number

Description of the positive organizational culture and how it promotes excellent nursing care, creates a positive environment for nurses to work and supports nurses.

Send your nomination to the ONA Office

Mail: ONA, 1111 N Lee, Ste. 243, Oklahoma City, OK 73103

EMAIL: ona.ed@oklahomanurses.org

**OKLAHOMA NURSES ASSOCIATION
AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Please use for the EXCELLENCE IN NURSING • NURSING RESEARCH • NURSING IMPACT
ON PUBLIC POLICY • NIGHTENGALE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE • FRIEND OF NURSING

Please print or type all information. Only completed nominations will be considered.

Name of the Award _____

Nominee's Name _____

Credentials (please abbreviate) _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone () _____

Employer's Name _____

Title/Position _____

Employer's Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Business Phone () _____

Nomination Submitted by _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone () _____

Information attached: _____ Narrative Statement (detail contributions)

_____ Curriculum Vita
(except Friend of Nursing Award nominees)

_____ Two letters supporting nomination

Signature _____ Date _____

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