

2010 Nightingale Gala
Ninth Annual Louisiana Awards Gala for Nursing and Healthcare
Application Information for Nominations

Remember, this application is the **only** information the judges will see—please answer all criteria

Individual Award Criteria:

All Individual Nominees must be a registered nurse in Louisiana or retired from nursing having worked in the state of Louisiana.

Please note there are additional requirements for the Hall of Fame nominees. All Hall of Fame nominees will be notified prior to the event whether or not they are selected for induction into the Hall of Fame. All other nominees for awards will be announced at the Gala.

All Individual Nominations must answer:

- ◆ Number of years in practice as a registered nurse.
- ◆ All academic degrees.
- ◆ All current certifications such as ACLS, RN C.
- ◆ Current position and years in position.

In addition it is suggested that additional information be added as appropriate:

- ◆ Participation in professional nursing organizations including LSNA. Participation in work related professional organizations such as Policy & Procedure, Chair, Nursing Leadership Council, Recruitment committee, member. Participation in non-work and other professional organizations such as Sigma Theta Tau, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, etc.
- ◆ Participation in Community activities related organizations, such as League of Women voters, Church, volunteer organizations, missionary trips, etc.
- ◆ Impact on the nursing profession in the state: promotes and advances nursing, supports colleagues, collaborates with other health care professionals, has made a difference in outcomes for colleagues and patients.

Please comment on and give examples of the nominee's achievements/accomplishments in relation to the specific award for which he/she is nominated.

◆ ***Hall of Fame***

This prestigious award recognizes a Registered Nurse's lifelong commitment to the profession of nursing and its impact on the health and/or social history of the state of Louisiana. The Registered Nurse who has practiced in Louisiana for at least 10 years and has achieved national prominence will be considered on an individual basis. Up to three nurses may be inducted per year. Hall of Fame inductees may be living or deceased.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. preparation in a formal nursing program
2. demonstrated leadership which has affected the state's health and/or social history
3. lifelong contribution to nursing practice, education, administration, research, economics, or literature
4. enduring achievement, having value beyond the nominee's lifetime
5. significant length of time in the profession
6. participation in professional organizations including LSNA/ANA.

◆ ***Nurse of the Year***

This award honors the registered nurse best exemplifying the art and science of nursing during the previous year.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. impact on local/or statewide healthcare and nursing
2. demonstration of the art/science of nursing
3. demonstration of the science of nursing (clinical expertise)
4. evidence of continuing education
5. evidence of mentoring
6. participation in professional organizations.

◆ ***Nursing Educator of the Year (Faculty, School of Nursing)***

This award is given to an outstanding nurse educator involved in formal undergraduate or graduate nursing program based in Louisiana.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. impact on students entering the profession or seeking a higher degree in nursing
2. excellence in classroom presentation or other instructional modalities
3. excellence in clinical expertise
4. comments from students
5. participation in professional organizations.

◆ ***Outstanding Nurse Researcher***

This award recognizes a registered nurse who has led significant formal or informal nursing research which has impacted healthcare or community.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. demonstrated research capabilities
2. impact of research on profession or community
3. ability to procure funding
4. description of completed or ongoing research (within the last two years).

◆ ***Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year***

This award recognizes a registered nurse delivering or fostering exemplary direct patient care. (Staff development personnel or others who foster excellence in clinical practice are eligible to be nominated in this category)

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. impact on patient outcomes through application of nursing knowledge, dissemination of quality education programs, or application of leadership skills.
2. comments from patients
3. interpersonal/communication skills
4. technical expertise
5. evidence of continuing education
6. participation in organizational (employer) affairs
7. participation in professional organizations.

◆ ***Advanced Practice Registered Nurse of the Year***

This award honors an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed in Louisiana for outstanding direct patient care. This category includes: Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Anesthetists, and Clinical Nurse Specialists.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. impact on patient outcomes
2. comments from patients
3. interpersonal/communication skills
4. technical expertise
5. evidence of continuing education
6. furtherance of the role of advanced practice nursing in the community

7. participation in professional organizations.

◆ ***Nursing Administrator of the Year***

This award recognizes a registered nurse who administers the business/patient care activities of a health organization and/or who manages other personnel.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. comments from facility registered nurses
2. interpersonal/communication skills
3. evidence of mentoring
4. reactivity in leading/administering nursing care delivery
5. evidence of continuing education
6. participation in professional organizations.

◆ ***Mentor of the Year***

This award honors a registered nurse who assists a colleague to advance in the profession.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. comments from employers, colleagues and mentees
2. interpersonal/communication skills
3. demonstration of professional awareness
4. success of mentees
5. participation in professional organizations.

◆ ***Rookie of the Year***

This award honors a registered nurse who, while practicing for less than two years, exhibits awareness of the practice of nursing and professionalism while delivering nursing care.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. job experience
2. comments from administrator/colleagues regarding nominee's professional growth
3. demonstration of the art and science of nursing
4. evidence of continuing education
5. participation in professional organizations.

◆ ***Nursing School Administrator of the Year***

This award recognizes a registered nurse who is responsible for the administration of a school of nursing or division within a school of nursing.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. evaluation comments of students
2. comments of faculty colleagues
3. significant accomplishments for the school of nursing administered by nominee
4. evidence of innovative leadership
5. participation in professional organizations.

◆ ***Outstanding Community Achievement by a Registered Nurse***

This award recognizes achievement of outstanding community service by a registered nurse.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. demonstration of leadership in volunteer community activities (school, church, etc.)
2. demonstration of significant accomplishment for the community
3. participation in professional organizations.
4. impact on the health and welfare of the community or its citizens.
5. comments from the organizations or the citizens served.

Organizational Award Criteria:

In addition to the “award criteria information” below, please answer for all *Organizational Nominees*:

- ◆ Length of time organization has been in business
- ◆ History of the organization
- ◆ Description of the organization’s most significant contribution to the healthcare industry/nursing profession

Please comment on and give examples of the organization’s achievements/accomplishments in relation to the specific award.

◆ ***Outstanding Employer or Facility of the Year (Other than Hospital)***

This award recognizes an employer of registered nurses that demonstrates recognition for professional nursing and innovation in leadership.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. comments from RN staff
2. RN recognition within the organization
3. support of RN professional development
4. turnover of RN staff.

◆ ***Nursing School of the Year***

This award recognizes a school of nursing offering formal education for entry into practice as a registered nurse.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. comments of graduates
2. comments of graduates’ employers
3. comments of faculty
4. first-time passage rate on NCLEX-RN
5. accreditation status
6. activity of alumni association
7. support of student organization
8. innovations in education/teaching.

◆ ***Hospital of the Year (100 or more beds) and Hospital of the Year (fewer than 100 beds)***

This award recognizes a hospital employer of registered nurses that demonstrates recognition of professional nursing and innovation in leadership.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. comments from RN staff
2. RN recognition within the organization
3. RN participation in decision-making/management decisions
4. demonstrated community support for the organization
5. innovation in leadership/management within the organization