

2019 Nightingale Awards and Gala
18th Annual Louisiana Awards Gala for Nursing and
Healthcare
Sponsored by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation and
Louisiana State Nurses Association

NOMINATIONS CLOSE OCTOBER 29, 2018

Individual Award Criteria:

All Louisiana registered nurses or retired registered nurses who practiced in Louisiana are eligible to be nominated for a 2019 Nightingale Award. In addition, individual RN's are eligible to be nominated for induction into the Louisiana State Nurses Association/ Louisiana Nurses Foundation Hall of Fame, the most prestigious award of recognition for life long contributions. Applications are limited to the electronic application which may be accessed from the Louisiana State Nurses Association website, www.lсна.org.

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 submissions for every individual category must include the following information on the nominee as well as the specific award criteria:

- Number of years in practice as a registered nurse
- All academic degrees
- All current nationally recognized nursing certifications
- Current position and years in position
- All submissions must Include a professional headshot of nominee

All submissions may include up to three (3) supporting documents such as a Resume, Letters of support, Media coverage of achievements, etc.

Please comment on and give examples of the nominee's achievements/accomplishments related to the **SPECIFIC AWARD CRITERIA** for which he or she is nominated. A nominee's application must be complete as it shall be the sole source for determination of honorees.

Hall of Fame

This prestigious award recognizes a Registered Nurse's lifelong commitment to the profession The Registered Nurse must have practiced in Louisiana for at least 10 years and has achieved national prominence. This award may not be given every year and is limited. The nominee should not be presently serving on the LSNA or LNF boards.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. preparation in a formal nursing program,
2. activities related to lifelong learning, and significant length of practice as a registered nurse,
3. contributions to professional nursing and/or community organizations,
4. demonstrated leadership which has affected Louisiana citizen's health and/or nursing's social history,
5. contribution to nursing practice, education, administration, research, economics, or literature,
6. achievement of national recognition, and

7. and enduring achievement, having value beyond the nominee's lifetime.

Registered Nurse of the Year

This award honors the registered nurse who best exemplifies the ongoing demonstration of excellence in the art and science of nursing practice.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. examples of ongoing excellence in the art and science of nursing,
2. examples of positive impact on organizational, local, or statewide healthcare and nursing,
3. participation in LSNA/ANA and/or other professional nursing organizations,
4. evidence of continuing education and lifelong learning, and
5. evidence of mentoring others in the profession of registered nursing.

Contribution to Quality Award

This award recognizes a registered nurse who serves in the roles of quality, assurance, informatics, performance improvement, evidence-based practice nurse/nurse researcher, and/or public health nurse/community nurse.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. reviews quality metrics and implements action plans/programs to positively impact patient outcomes, clinical quality or the community. (Please elaborate on action and direct results),
2. evidence of lifelong learning. Please provide examples of ways you have completed continuing education to improve your skill and/or scope,
3. demonstrates the ability to collaborate with multiple disciplines to better serve populations. (please provide examples of collaboration and positive outcomes, if applicable).

Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year

This award recognizes a registered nurse who consistently delivers exemplary direct patient care in a primary nursing role.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. ability to demonstrate use of clinical expertise and interpersonal/communication skills to deliver excellence in patient care,
2. Impact on clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction through application of nursing knowledge,
3. ability to use leadership skills and quality measures to initiate improvement in patient care processes,
4. evidence of participation in professional/community organizations, and
5. evidence of continuing education and lifelong learning.

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. demonstrates advanced clinical expertise and interpersonal/communication skills to improve patient outcomes,
2. impact on wellness to a population of patients, Rec: Documentation of use of evidence based practice to guide practice,
3. use of leadership skills and quality measures to advance an area of nursing practice,
4. evidence of continuing education and lifelong learning, and
5. evidence of participation in professional/community organizations.

***Clinical Nurse Educator of the Year
(healthcare provider, primary role)***

This award is given to an outstanding clinical nurse educator practicing in any area of care that provides formal education programs in a healthcare facility based in Louisiana.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. impact on nursing outcomes that were a direct reflection of clinical nursing education,
2. excellence in classroom presentation and competency demonstration and validation,
3. excellence in clinical expertise and nurse educator competencies,
4. participation in LSNA/ANA and/or professional nursing, professional development, or educational organizations, and
5. evidence of mentoring nurses to the profession of nursing at an organization, including measurement outcomes related to nursing retention and turnover.

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. consistency of job experience since becoming a registered nurse,
2. demonstrates ongoing growth in professional nursing practice,
3. demonstrates excellence in clinical practice,
4. evidence of demonstrating leadership,
5. evidence of continuing education and learning, and
6. participation in professional/community organizations.

Registered Nurse Mentor of the Year

This award honors a registered nurse who assisted a nursing colleague(s) to advance in the nursing profession.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. demonstration of exemplary professional behaviors in a mentor/mentee relationship,
2. demonstrates professional commitment to mentor others in the art and science of nursing,
3. evidence of continuing education and lifelong learning,
4. participation in professional/community organizations.

Nursing Administrator of the Year

This award recognizes a registered nurse who serves in a key nursing leadership role, administers the business/patient care activities of a health organization, and/or who manages other personnel who have achieved demonstrated excellence during the past year.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. documentation of achievement of excellence in an area of nursing practice within the healthcare agency as a result of the vision and leadership of this individual,
2. use of leadership skills, quality measures, and evidence-based initiatives to improve nursing practice,
3. use of innovative practice and leadership in consideration of the healthcare agency's resources and capacity
4. demonstration of personal and organizational commitment to lifelong learning, and
5. participation in professional/community 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. demonstrates exemplary leadership in voluntary activities within community organizations such as schools, churches, agencies, etc.
2. demonstration of significant accomplishments in the community,
3. evidence of activities that have yielded a positive impact on the health and welfare of the community and its citizens, and
4. participation in professional/community 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. serves as a role model to students and positively impacts the student learning experience.
2. evidence of innovation and excellence in education competencies, in the classroom and in other learning modalities,
3. demonstrates excellence in clinical expertise,
4. participation in professional /community organizations, and
5. evidence of participation in lifelong learning.

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, and in the past year has demonstrated excellence in achievement in this role.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. significant achievement by the institution/nursing program as a result of the vision and leadership of nominee,
2. evidence of innovative leadership on behalf of faculty and students,
3. evidence of personal and organizational commitment to lifelong learning, and
4. evidence of participation in professional /community organizations.

Organizational Award Criteria:

Please comment on and give examples of the organization's achievements/accomplishments in relation to the specific award. Each organization's nomination shall include a high resolution image of the organization's official logo.

***Nursing School of the Year –
Undergraduate Degree Programs***

This award recognizes a school of nursing offering formal education for students seeking initial licensure as a registered nurse. The nominated school must be in good standing with the LSBN and accreditation bodies.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. evidence that school of nursing has commitment to recruiting, selecting and retaining educating future nurses,
2. NCLEX-RN first-time pass rate for immediate two-year reporting periods,
3. examples of innovation in nursing education in all educational settings, classroom, clinical laboratory, clinical practice,
4. percentage of full-time and part-time faculty who are members of LSNA/ANA and related activities, and
5. percentage of enrolled nursing students who are members of LASN and activities of the student organization.

***Nursing School of the Year –
Graduate Degree Programs***

This award recognizes a school of nursing offering formal education for registered nurses seeking a graduate degree for advanced clinical practice roles as well as nursing administration, nursing education and research.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. description of the advanced practice and higher degree programs offered,
2. number of graduates in each offered program during the past two year period,
3. advanced practice certification first-time pass rates for immediate two-year reporting periods, if applicable to type of program,
4. examples of innovation in nursing education, and
5. percentage of students and faculty who are members of LSNA/ANA and other professional nursing organizations and related activities.

***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 within the past year.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. outcome measures of professional nursing growth within the facility,
2. specific examples of organizational initiatives supportive of nursing practice,
3. evidence of RN professional development,
4. examples of RN recognition within the organization, and
5. recognition of support for nursing participation in professional /community organizations.

***Hospital of the Year (60 beds or fewer),
Hospital of the Year (61 beds to 160 beds) and
Hospital of the Year (161 or greater)***

This award recognizes a hospital employer of registered nurses that demonstrates recognition of professional nursing and innovation in leadership, within the past year, in the described licensed bed categories.

Award Criteria—please address the following:

1. innovation through nursing leadership and management within the hospital,
2. specific examples of organizational initiatives supportive of nursing practice,
3. evidence of RN decision making and participation in management decisions,
4. examples of recognition of RN achievements within the organization, and
5. recognition of support for nursing participation in professional/community nursing organizations.