



Memorandum

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To: Presidents and Executive Directors, Constituent and State Nurses Associations
Presidents and Executive Directors, Organizational Affiliates
Chair, Individual Member Division

From: Barbara Crane, CCRN, RN
Chair, Committee on Honorary Awards

Re: Call for Award Nominations

The Committee on Honorary Awards is seeking nominees for the American Nurses Association's National Awards, which recognize nurses who through distinguished service have made significant contributions to the nursing profession.

Please take a moment to think about

- *Who inspires you with their exceptional leadership?*
- *Who has made a difference in your professional life through their deep commitment to the nursing profession?*
- *Who has advanced ANA's mission through their outstanding contributions to the Association?*

Your nomination of colleagues who exemplify these special qualities will promote the outstanding accomplishments and achievements of individual registered nurses as well as increase public awareness about the significant contributions of the nursing profession to the delivery of health care.

The Committee on Honorary Awards invites your nominations for the following awards:

- [ANA Hall of Fame Award](#)
- [Barbara Thoman Curtis Award](#)
- [Distinguished Membership Award](#)
- [Hildegard Peplau Award](#)
- [Honorary Human Rights Award](#)
- [Honorary Nursing Practice Award](#)
- [Honorary Recognition Award](#)
- [Jessie M. Scott Award](#)
- [Luther Christman Award](#)
- [Mary Ellen Patton Staff Nurse Leadership Award](#)
- [Mary Mahoney Award](#)
- [Pearl McIver Public Health Nurse Award](#)
- [Shirley Titus Award](#)
- [Staff Nurse Advocacy Award](#)

Award nominations will be accepted from:

- Constituent and State Nurses Associations (C/SNAs)
- Organizational Affiliates (OAs)
- C/SNA/ANA members

More detailed descriptions of the awards and related criteria can be found on Nursingworld.org. Nominations must be submitted to leader@ana.org by 5:00pm Eastern Time on Tuesday, **January 28, 2014**. Nominations received after this date will not be considered. If you have any questions, please send an email to leader@ana.org.

In closing, the goal of ANA's National Awards Program is to highlight the accomplishments of nurse leaders, and by extension, focus attention on the vital work of the nursing profession. I encourage you to take the time to recognize your colleagues for their outstanding service by nominating them for an ANA National Award. By doing so, you will ensure that the accomplishments of the women and men who exemplify excellence in nursing and who have made a difference are fully celebrated.

Attachment: Tips for Submitting a Strong Nomination Packet

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TIPS FOR A SUBMITTING A STRONG AWARDS NOMINATION PACKET

- **Ensure** that each nominee meets all of the appropriate award criteria.
- **Ensure** that letters of support and/or print validations of a nominee's contributions and achievements accurately describe a nominee's leadership, contributions, impact and achievements in patient care, the nursing profession, public health and/or health services, and/or advancement of gender/ethnic/racial minority groups in nursing.
- **Solicit** letters of support from persons who are relatively senior and well known in the ANA and/or profession where applicable.
- **Provide** individuals offering to write letters in support of your candidate with a copy of the award criteria and the award description to help them frame their letters.
- **Choose** supporting materials with care so that those materials are directly relevant to the contributions for which the candidate is being nominated.
- **Establish** deadlines for the receipt of all nominee information and supporting materials.
- **Use** the appropriate 2014 form. Each award has its own, newly developed nomination form.
- **Think** carefully about the award criteria and make sure that the nomination materials present clearly and specifically why the candidate is being nominated and what he/she has accomplished that is outstanding.
- **Check** each nominee packet for completeness and accuracy.