



Memorandum

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

From: Elizabeth Fildes, EdD, RN, CNE, CARN-AP, APHN-BC, FIANN
Chair, Committee on Honorary Awards

Re: Call for Award Nominations – Nominations due October 2, 2017

The Committee on Honorary Awards is now accepting nominations for ANA's National Awards, which highlight the accomplishments of nurse leaders, *and by extension*, focus attention on the vital work of the nursing profession.

I encourage you to 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?*

Then, recognize these individuals by nominating them for an ANA National Award! By doing so, you'll ensure that the accomplishments of those who exemplify excellence in nursing are fully celebrated! You'll also increase the public's awareness of nursing's significant contributions to the delivery of health care.

ANA's 14 National Awards fall into one of the following five overarching categories:

- [Distinguished Practice in Nursing](#): excellence in the practice, science, and art of nursing and outstanding professional contributions of an ANA member in the areas of clinical care, direct patient care, or public health
- [Diversity in Nursing](#): significant contributions by an individual nurse or a group of nurses to enhanced integration/inclusion within the nursing profession
- [Nurse Exemplars](#): dedication to the principles of nursing ethics and the highest standards of nursing practice
- [Nurse Leadership](#): excellence in the areas of national nursing leadership, academic leadership (nurse education/research), community leadership, innovation, or entrepreneurship
- [Nursing Champions](#): outstanding accomplishments in the area of advocacy for the profession of nursing and for ANA

Please review [ANA's National Awards Program Guide](#) for an overview of the nomination submission and review processes; a list of the questions posed for each award; tips for submitting a strong nomination; and a detailed timeline. The [National Awards Program Resource Section](#) on ANA's website includes [the criteria for each of ANA's National Awards](#) and a [step-by-step tutorial](#) to assist you in submitting an award nomination via the online form.

Nominations must be submitted by **5:00pm ET on Monday, October 2, 2017**. If you have any questions, please send an email to leader@ana.org.