



## Awards of Excellence

The Awards of Excellence recognizes AWHONN members who have made a significant or outstanding contribution to the specialties of women's health, obstetric or neonatal nursing at the local, state, national or international level in one of six areas: Advocacy, Community Service, Education, Leadership/Management, Practice and Research.

**Eligibility Criteria-** Nominees must be:

- Currently licensed as a registered nurse, or a retired registered nurse
- AWHONN member for at least two years prior to nomination and in the year of nomination
- Currently serving or have served previously in the award category

**Attributes:** Nominees are evaluated based on evidence of the following leadership qualities

- Visionary and passionate regarding AWHONN and the health promotion of women and newborns
- Modeling professional behavior
- Motivating excellence in others, encouraging opportunities for growth, change, and development
- Inspiring confidence and celebrates the success of others above one's own
- Communicating complex ideas in a simplistic manner
- Living the message: creativity, resourcefulness, confidence, and passion
- Welcoming controversy and challenging to reset the standard

**Specific Award Categories and Criteria** – Nominees are evaluated on evidence of:

### Advocacy

- History of individual contribution to promote women's or newborns' health on the federal, state or local political arenas beyond employment requirements
- Integrating AWHONN's mission and standards in their contribution to women's or newborns' health through advocacy efforts
- Ability to mobilize colleagues in support of a legislative or health policy issue that is reflective of AWHONN's mission and standards
- Enhancing colleagues' ability to influence health policy through mentoring and educational activities

### Community Service

- History of individual contributions to promote women's or newborns' health in a community.
- Innovative application of current knowledge and research in programs or activities
- Impact on Perinatal or women's health in the community
- Reflecting AWHONN's mission and standards in their contribution to women's or newborns' health in a community

### Education

- Contribution to the knowledge base of women's or newborns' health
- Improving the practice of professional women's and newborns' health nursing through teaching excellence
- Individual contribution in their area of teaching that has state or national implications such as publication in a peer-reviewed journal or speaking at a state or national meeting
- Reflecting AWHONN's goals and standards in their contribution to women's and newborns' health nursing education

## **Leadership/Management**

- Improving the delivery of women's or newborns' health nursing care using innovative management approaches
- Contribution in their area of leadership that has state or national implications such as publication in a peer-reviewed journal or speaking at a state or national meeting
- Reflecting AWHONN's goals and standards to influence women's and newborns' health nursing practice
- Demonstration of leadership expertise in women's and newborn's healthcare delivery.
- Promoting a professional image of nursing through mentoring new leaders

## **Practice**

- Improving the delivery of women's or newborns' health nursing care using innovative approaches
- Contribution in their area of practice that has state or national implications such as publication in a peer-reviewed journal or speaking at a state or national meeting; or
- Excellence in clinical practice (bedside or ambulatory care) through advocacy for patients and families and application of innovative approaches to patient care.
- Reflecting AWHONN's goals and standards to influence women's and newborns' health nursing practice
- Clinical expertise
- Promoting a professional image of nursing through practice

## **Research**

- Demonstrate a history of conducting funded research that has made a significant contribution in women's and newborns' health nursing
- Publish research in reference journals
- Reflect AWHONN's goals and standards in their contribution to women's and newborns' health nursing research
- Demonstrate clinical applications in research
- Demonstrate a high level of scholarship in published work
- Promote women's and newborns' health nursing research within AWHONN, the nursing profession or the public
- Maintains her/his own professional development

## **Procedures**

1. Candidates may only be nominated for one award of excellence per year in any category.
2. Nominees for Awards of Excellence must have two reference letters.
3. A committee of at least three members of AWHONN Oklahoma, appointed by the Section Chair, reviews blinded nominations and completes a judging form.
4. All decisions will be based on submitted material requested by AWHONN only.
5. Excellence Awards are presented annually at the AWHONN Oklahoma Section Conference.

### Awards of Excellence Nomination Form

Category of Award (**circle one**): Advocacy, Community Service, Education, Leadership/Management, Practice, Research

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials (in order Preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Years of AWHONN Membership \_\_\_\_\_ (approximate if unknown)

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Applications will only be processed and considered if they include the following:

- Completed AWHONN Nomination Form
- Two Letters of Support (one from nominator). Refer to criteria when writing letter of support and include specific examples.

**Send your completed application via email to: [Sectionchair@awhonnok.org](mailto:Sectionchair@awhonnok.org) by March 1' 2017.**