

## 2016 AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

### President's Award

The President's Award honors the member who has made sustained and substantial contributions to the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) through active and involved participation in organizational activities.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Identify significant involvement at the national, state and/or community level.
  2. Identify significant outcomes of MNA service.
  3. Describe contributions that have been recognized by and documented by peers.
  4. Describe sustained involvement in activities beyond three years.
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### Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award honors the nurse who displays sustained and substantial contributions to the health and well-being of the community within which he/she lives and works.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Identify significant involvement at the community level.
  2. Describe sustained involvement and leadership in activities beyond three years.
  3. Describe significant outcomes of a healthcare/nursing community-based project.
  4. Explain efforts for protecting, promoting, preserving, and maintaining health; as well as, preventing disease through their nursing practice.
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### Creative Nursing Award

The Creative Nursing Award honors the nurse or nurses who recognized a specific health care need and developed a new and/or creative approach that improves the quality of health care for an identified population.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Identify a specific health care/nursing need that improves the quality of healthcare for an identified population.
  2. Summarize the uniqueness of this program that was developed which offers a new or creative kind of health care service.
  3. Explain how the nurse advocated for protecting, promoting, preserving, and maintaining health; as well as, preventing disease through their nursing practice.
  4. Describe how the outcome significantly improved the quality of health care.
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## **Audrey Logsdon/Geraldine Wedel Award**

The Audrey Logsdon/Geraldine Wedel Award honors the nurse or nurses who have contributed significantly to nurses and/or nursing practice through collective bargaining activities.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Identify and provide a summary of how the nurse promotes improved standards of nursing care through the collective bargaining process.  
(Examples: upholding contract language, grievance procedure handling, negotiating team experience, leading actions in the bargaining unit, etc.).
2. Describe the nurse's sustained involvement in the local bargaining unit.
3. Recognize the leadership qualities of the nurse in the local bargaining unit.
4. Discuss the ongoing education/mentoring of members regarding collective bargaining.

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## **Ruth L. Hass Excellence in Practice Award**

The Ruth L. Hass Excellence in Practice Award honors the nurse involved in direct nursing care who has demonstrated expert knowledge and practice in a selected clinical area of nursing and is recognized by her/his peers as a role model of sustained, consistent, high quality nursing practice.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Identify how the nurse provides high quality nursing care to a specific group of patients/residents/clients.
2. Describe nursing practice knowledge and skills utilized with the specific group identified in Number One.
3. Describe how the nurse maintains a high quality of nursing practice and provides continuing education.
4. Summarize how peers and patients/residents/clients recognize the work described in Number Three.

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## **Nurse Educator Award**

The Nurse Educator Award honors the nurse involved in nursing education who has demonstrated expertise in the teaching of nursing and is recognized by her/his peers as a role model of sustained, consistent, high quality teaching.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Describe how the nurse demonstrates consistently high standards of teaching that are recognized and respected by colleagues and students.
  2. Explain how learning is achieved through excellence, creativity and relationship with the learner.
  3. Recognize how the educator acts as a role model to encourage the learner to practice quality nursing care.
  4. Validate the use of nursing research and evidence-based nursing practices to support current teaching methods.
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## **Public Official Award**

The Public Official Award honors a local or state public official who, through the involvement in policymaking at the local or state level, has placed a high priority on influencing policy which assists MNA in reaching its goals.

### ***SELECTION CRITERIA***

1. Describe support of MNA's legislative platform at the local, state, and/or national level.
2. Discuss substantial contributions in assisting MNA reach its public policy goals.
3. Identify influences on public policy which has affected nursing positively.

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## **Sarah Tarleton Colvin Political Activist Award**

The Sarah Tarleton Colvin Political Activist Award honors a nurse or a group of nurses who serve as a role model for nurses because of activities above and beyond those of the general nursing community, to further the political presence of nursing, and/or to accomplish change in public policy that is positive for the nursing profession.

### ***SELECTION CRITERIA***

1. Explain how the nurse perpetually promotes the importance of nursing's influence in political and public policy arenas.
2. Describe how the nurse reaches out to encourage peers to participate in political activities at the local, state, or national level.
3. Recognize the activist leadership skills of the nurse while engaging in political activities at the local, state, or national level.
4. Describe how the nurse educates peers regarding MNA's legislative priorities.

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## **Nurse Researcher Award**

The Nurse Researcher Award honors the nurse(s) who made a significant impact on nursing practice through the use of research.

"Significant impact on nursing practice" means that the nurse has contributed to nursing knowledge through research findings; and has improved or created a plan for improving clinical nursing practice, patient outcomes, or the working and/or teaching environment for nurses.

### ***SELECTION CRITERIA***

1. Identify the research project and its relationship to nursing practice.
  2. Identify the theory and methodology utilized.
  3. Summarize the research findings.
  4. Describe patient outcomes that could be improved with this research.
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## **Mentorship in Nursing Award**

The Mentorship in Nursing Award honors the nurse or nurses who have demonstrated mentorship through sustained and significant leadership to nurses/nursing students by modeling values, attitudes, and behaviors consistent with those of the profession. The mentor(s) accepts the individual(s) and provides guidance to realize their potential.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Describe the emotional support provided to nurses and/or students.
2. Identify situations of giving honest positive and negative feedback for growth.
3. Identify utilization of teaching/coaching interpersonal, technical, or political skills essential for professional advancement.
4. Provide examples of situations that encourage new ways of viewing situations and/or broaden the mentee's perspectives.

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## **Paul & Sheila Wellstone Social Justice Award\***

The Paul and Sheila Wellstone Social Justice Award honors the nurse, elected official, or community leader who demonstrates a lifetime achievement of working to better the lives of others by increasing their access to quality health care. The recipient speaks out courageously and consistently for others as Paul and Sheila Wellstone did during his career in politics and community activism. The recipient is a person whose unwavering voice on behalf of those who have none is clear and undiminished by political tides. This person exemplifies the words of Paul Wellstone when he said, "We should never separate the lives we live from the words we speak."

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Describe lifetime achievements of working consistently throughout their career to better the lives of others.
2. Recognize vulnerable populations in difficult circumstances that were advocated for because they were unable to advocate for themselves.
3. Describe examples of speaking courageously for others.
4. Identify the services provided that were related to health care and nursing.

*\* This award was developed to honor Senator Paul Wellstone and Sheila Wellstone, who died in October of 2002. Senator Wellstone and Sheila Wellstone had a long-standing relationship with the Minnesota Nurses Association and spoke eloquently on behalf of nurses.*

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## **Elizabeth Shogren Health and Safety Award**

The Elizabeth Shogren Health and Safety Award honors the nurse or nurses who have made sustained and substantial contributions to the health, safety, and well-being of the nursing community in which she/he works.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Describe how the nurse has created a safer work environment.
2. Identify how the provision(s) of the ANA Code of Ethics (2001) has supported the accomplishment(s).
3. Describe the education provided to nurses regarding workplace health and safety.
4. Recognize the support the nurse has given to the injured, ill, or disabled nurse(s); in addition, how return to work issues were addressed.