

Illinois Association of School Nurses School Nurse of the Year Award Application

This is an exemplary award given annually to an IASN member who meets the following criteria.

Eligibility

Applicant must:

1. Be an active member of IASN as defined by the IASN Bylaws:
 - A Registered Professional Nurse who is currently licensed to practice in Illinois and
 - Holds a professional educator license endorsed in school support services for school nurse (i.e., educator licensed school nurse) or valid Illinois teaching certificate or was employed as a school nurse on or before July 1, 1972 and
 - Is employed as a school nurse by an Illinois public or private school, education service region, or a public health agency, or as a coordinator or faculty member of a school nurse certification/licensure endorsement program.
2. Have completed 3 years of full-time practice in Illinois as a PEL school nurse.
3. Be currently practicing full-time as a PEL school nurse.
4. Not be serving on the IASN executive committee or as an NASN officer at the time of the application.

Rules

Applications are due June 1 to the NASN Director.

Applicant's submission entry must include:

- Applicant Information Form
- Applicant's current curriculum vitae including education, employment, research activities, awards, professional organization membership and committee work, publications
- Nominator's Form with 1 page narrative written by nominator, describing the applicant's significant contributions to advancing excellence in school nursing practice and school health leadership.
- Bulleted list, completed by the applicant, describing specific evidence of excellence, as found in the Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice (NASN, 2016) and *School Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice (3rd ed)* (ANA & NASN, 2017). Maximum length: 3 pages.
- Letters of support or recommendation from school nurse colleagues, administrators, educators, parents, or community leaders (minimum of 1 letter, maximum of 3, maximum length: 1 page per letter)
- Recent digital head/shoulder length picture of applicant. If selected, picture will be used for recognition by IASN and NASN.

In the bulleted information, please attempt, to the best of your ability, to remove all identifying information - names and locations - to preserve confidentiality and enhance the objectivity of the review/judging process.

Information submitted will be evaluated using the following Likert Scale on presence of the item, quality, or characteristic:

0 - Not present in complete application

1 - rarely present

- 2 - sometimes present
- 3 - adequate presence
- 4- strong presence
- 5 - exemplary presence reflecting leader/expert/mentor in area

The 21st Century Framework for School Nursing (NASN, 2016): *NASN's framework provides structure and focus for the key principles and components of current day, evidence-based school nursing practice. Central to the framework is student-centered nursing care that occurs within the context of the students' family and school community. School nurses daily use the skills outlined in the practice components of each principle to help students be healthy, safe, and ready to learn.*
<http://www.nasn.org/nasn/nasn-resources/professional-topics/framework>

Adapted from *School Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice (3rd Ed)* (ANA & NASN, 2017):
Standards of Practice for School Nursing: *describe a competent level of nursing care as demonstrated by the critical thinking model known as the nursing process. These standards encompass all significant actions taken by school nurses and form the foundation of the school nurse's decision-making. The Standards of Practice model demonstrates that the six elements are not linear, but interactive and multidirectional as the school nurse uses and reuses the nursing process in practice.*

Six elements: Assessment, Diagnosis, Outcomes Identification, Planning, Implementation, Evaluation

Standards of Professional Performance for School Nursing: *describe a competent level of behavior in the professional role. All school nurses are expected to actively engage in professional role activities appropriate to their education, experience, and position. School nurses are accountable for their professional actions to themselves, their students, families, and school communities; the profession; and ultimately, to society.*

Standards: Ethics, Culturally Congruent Practice, Communication, Collaboration, Leadership, Education, Evidence-Based Practice and Research, Quality of Practice, Professional Practice Evaluation, Resource Utilization, Environmental Health, Program Management

Names of the nominators and applicants will be kept confidential.

The decision of the Selection Committee is final and not open to appeal.

The Selection Committee consists of the Director to NASN (committee chair), the current School Nurse of the Year and School Nurse Administrator of the Year award recipients, and 2 additional people chosen by the Director to NASN. The committee chair will not participate in scoring since the chair will know the identities of the applicants.

The Director to NASN will give a copy of each application to each committee member, removing any identifying information from the applications in an attempt to preserve anonymity and objective judging while using the rubric attached.

In the event of a tie, the committee chair will designate 1 additional member of IASN to complete the rubric.

Please submit the complete application to the Director to NASN: Cameron Traut
920 Vose Dr. #206
Gurnee, IL 60031
847-507-5699
camtraut@gmail.com

Applicant Information

Date Application Submitted: _____

Name (with credentials): _____

Home address: _____

Phone Number: home: _____
cell: _____
work: _____

Employer's Name: _____
Address: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____

Current position title: _____

Number of years in current position: _____

Number of years in school nursing: _____

Grade levels served in current position: _____

Number of students served: _____

Brief description of job responsibilities:

Nominator Form

For an IASN member nominating a school nurse for either the School Nurse of the Year or the School Nurse Administrator of the Year Award, please review the rules and the applicant/nominee eligibility criteria.

A nomination:

- may be from anyone familiar with the applicant/nominee's professional practice.
- must be submitted by the applicant/nominee as part of the complete award application,
- is a required part of the complete award application.

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 - Is employed as a school nurse by an Illinois public or private school, education service region, or a public health agency, or as a coordinator or faculty member of a school nurse certification/licensure endorsement program.
- have completed 3 years of full-time practice in Illinois as a school nurse.
- be currently practicing full-time as a school nurse.
- not be currently serving on the NASN Board of Directors or as an NASN officer at the time of the application.

Nominator Name & Credentials: _____

Email address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Applicant/Nominee's Name: _____

Instructions for the Nominator:

- Include 1 page (maximum), describing the applicant's significant contributions to advancing excellence in school nursing practice and school health leadership.
- Return this form and the 1 page description to the applicant to submit with complete application.

Reminder: The complete application deadline for submission is June 1.