



DISTINGUISHED NURSE OF THE YEAR **2023 Nomination Criteria**

Deadline: Nominations are due Monday, October 30, 2023

Only Online Submissions will be Accepted – Submit nominations at
www.nmnursingexcellence.org/nomination-categories

Distinguished Nurse Of The Year

A nurse who, over the past 15 years, has been an exemplar through innovative leadership, fostering involvement in the nursing profession, or forming and engaging partnerships within the community.

Before you begin your nomination, The Center strongly encourages everyone to review our tips for submitting a successful nomination:

<https://www.nmnursingexcellence.org/tips-for-nea-nomination>

Each award will be judged on the information you provide. Please review the criteria before beginning your nomination.

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We are providing this document to assist with the online application process. Use this to review the criteria before submitting your nomination. The following are questions from the online nomination form. **This is NOT an application.** Applications must be submitted online www.nmnursingexcellence.org/nomination-categories.

Section 1

NOMINEE INFORMATION

- First Name, Last Name (name used for licensure, no nicknames)
- If your nominee lives outside of New Mexico, have they been working in NM in a permanent position for at least 12 months?
- Nominee Employer/Organization
- Nominee Job Title(s)
- Nominee Email Address, Phone, Home Mailing Address



NOMINATOR INFORMATION

- First Name, Last Name
- Nominator's Business/Organization/Affiliation
- Nominator Email and Phone

Section 2

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

- Nominee Education - Fill in the year the nominee graduated with the respective degree. If they did not graduate with the respective degree please leave blank.
 - ❖ Associates Degree - Year Graduated
 - ❖ Bachelor of Science, Nursing - Year Graduated
 - ❖ Master of Science, Nursing - Year Graduated
 - ❖ Doctor of Nursing - Year Graduated
 - ❖ List Additional/Other Degrees and Year Graduated

- Nominee Credentials - Fill in any of the nominee's relevant information. You may leave these boxes blank if they do not apply to the nominee.
 - ❖ Nominee degree/credentials
 - ❖ Years as a nurse (answer required)
 - ❖ Nominee Committees
 - ❖ Nominee Professional or Community Organizations/Activities
 - ❖ Nominee Publications and/or Awards

Section 3

NOMINATION ESSAY QUESTIONS

The nomination form will ask you to provide responses to the following five (5) essay questions. Within the provided word counts, describe why you feel this nominee is deserving of the New Mexico Nursing Excellence Award. Please cite specific examples of accomplishments referring to the criteria listed for the specific award category. The Distinguished Nurse of the Year Award recognizes a nurse who, over the past 15 years, has been an exemplar through innovative leadership, fostering involvement in the nursing profession, or forming and engaging partnerships within the community.

These essay responses must be blinded. This means the nominee's name is not included in any of the following responses. If the answers are not fully blinded, your nominee may not be eligible for judging.

1. **How did this nurse make significant professional or voluntary contributions that made a difference for the profession in New Mexico? (30% scoring weight) 250 words max**

2. **How does this nurse demonstrate advocacy, creativity, persistence, and a passion for nursing excellence? (25% scoring weight) 250 words max**
 - ❖ Exemplifies integrity and fairness.
 - ❖ Enhances client/patient safety
 - ❖ Effective with time
 - ❖ Sense of humor

3. How does this nurse provide positive professional influence, guidance and support of other nurses? **(20% scoring weight) 200 words max**
 - ❖ Demonstrated commitment to ongoing learning and professional development, such as pursuing advanced degrees or certifications.
 - ❖ Participation in research or scholarly activities.
 - ❖ Mentorship of other nurses.
4. How does this nurse role model the skills of listening, negotiating, and collaborating within a successful interdisciplinary team? **(15% scoring weight) 200 words max**
 - ❖ Competence in advising/mentoring
 - ❖ Emotional/individual support
 - ❖ Recognition/acknowledgement of others
5. How does this nurse exhibit a strong leadership image? **(10% scoring weight) 100 words max**

Important Instructions

In order for a nominee to be considered for an award, all information requested must be provided. This includes:

- 1) A completed online nomination form from our website:
www.nmnursingexcellence.org/nomination-categories
- 2) Payment of the \$100 Nomination Fee. With the payment of the nomination fee, Nominees receive a complimentary ticket for their dinner/entry to the event.

Please Note:

- A nurse may **not** be nominated again in the same category in which they have won previously.
- DO NOT provide identifying information in your essay. This is an anonymous process with all nominations blinded.
- The New Mexico Nursing Excellence Award Selection Committee reserves the right to place nominees in the category that best fits their nomination and/or enhances the nominee's ability to compete for the award.

For specific questions about award eligibility or nomination criteria, please visit www.nmnursingexcellence.org or email nina@nmcne.org.
We can also be reached by phone (505) 565-5811.

