

# JESSIE M. SCOTT AWARD



The Jessie M. Scott Award was established in 1979 to honor Jessie M. Scott, former assistant surgeon general and director of the Division of Nursing, Health Resources Administration, Public Health Service, of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The award is presented to a registered nurse whose accomplishments in a field of practice, education, or research demonstrate the interdependence of these elements and their significance for the improvement of nursing and health care.

The Subcommittee on the Jessie M. Scott Award reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and approval by the ANA Board of Directors. The recipient develops and/or presents the Jessie M. Scott Essay or Lecture. The Essay/Lecture material may be presented in a written or oral format and is disseminated and/or presented as determined by the ANA.

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

1. The nominee must be a current CMA/ANA or IMD member.
2. The nominee must be a registered nurse who has demonstrated the interdependent relationships among nursing practice, nursing education, and nursing research.
3. The nominee must agree to make available and/or present in written or oral format, the Jessie M. Scott Essay/Lecture material for dissemination by the ANA in keeping with the purpose of the award.

## **JESSIE M. SCOTT**

Jessie M. Scott was associated with the Division of Nursing from 1955 until her retirement in 1979. She became the second director of the division in 1964. She administered the nurse training acts and was instrumental in directing federal programs of support for nursing education that improved the quality of both education and practice. Under her directorship, research efforts were intensified to expand the scientific base of nursing practice and incorporate the results of research into practice and education.

Jessie M. Scott was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the Public Health Service in 1973 and the ANA Honorary Recognition Award in 1972.