

# PEARL McIVER PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AWARD



The first Public Health Nurse Award was bestowed upon Pearl McIver by the Public Health Nurses Section of the American Nurses Association at the 1956 ANA convention. The Pearl McIver Public Health Nurse Fund was established in 1956 under the sponsorship of a group of nurses and others within the U.S. Public Health Nurse Service to honor Pearl McIver who was to retire on July 1, 1957.

The award recognizes the outstanding professional contribution of one public health nurse and calls this achievement to the attention of members of the profession as well as the general public.

The Subcommittee on the Pearl McIver Public Health Nurse 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.

## AWARD CRITERIA

1. The nominee must be a current CMA/ANA or IMD member.
2. The nominee must have made a significant contribution to the field of public health on the national level.
3. The nominee must have expertise in professional and technical performance.
4. The nominee must have demonstrated national leadership in the field of public health nursing.
5. The nominee must have participated in activities at the national level of the American Nurses Association.

## PEARL McIVER

Pearl McIver's career with the U.S. Public Health Service began in 1922 and spanned 35 years and several positions, from child hygiene nurse assigned to the Missouri State Board of Health to chief of the Office of Public Health Nursing.

Her activities reflected her energy, professionalism and dedication to public health nursing. She was active in the American Public Health Association, the American Red Cross, and the Council of Federal Nursing. She was president of the American Nurses Association from 1948 to 1950 and executive director of the American Journal of Nursing Company from 1957 to 1959. This award is a lasting tribute to Pearl McIver, who died in 1976.