

## Memorandum

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**To:** Presidents and Executive Directors, Constituent/State Nurses Associations  
Presidents/Executive Directors, Organizational Affiliates  
Chair, Individual Member Division

**From:** Tonisha Melvin, DNP, NP-C, CRRN  
Chair, Committee on Honorary Awards

**Re:** Call for Award Nominations – Nominations due October 7, 2019

The Committee on Honorary Awards is now accepting nominations for ANA's National Awards. In 2018, the Board of Directors approved the use of named awards as inspiration for more modern awards to better promote the values supported by these nursing leaders. The newly named awards highlight the accomplishments of nurse leaders, and by extension, focus attention on the vital work of the nursing profession.

*I encourage you to take a moment to think about:*

- *Who inspires you with their exceptional leadership?*
- *Who has made a difference in your professional life through their deep commitment to the nursing profession?*
- *Who has advanced ANA's mission through their outstanding contributions to the Association?*

Then, recognize these individuals by nominating them for an ANA National Award! By doing so, you'll ensure that the accomplishments of those who exemplify excellence in nursing are fully celebrated! You'll also increase the public's awareness of nursing's significant contributions to the delivery of health care.

ANA's eight new National Awards fall into the four following overarching categories:

- ***Distinguished Practice in Nursing:*** recognize excellence in the practice, science, and art of nursing and outstanding professional contributions of an ANA member in the areas of clinical care, direct patient care, or public health
  - Distinguished Direct Patient Care Award
  - Foundations of Nursing Practice Award
  - Public Health Service Award
- ***Diversity in Nursing:*** significant contributions by an individual nurse or a group of nurses to enhanced integration/inclusion within the nursing profession
  - Diversity Award
- ***Nurse Exemplars:*** promote and underscore ANAs continuing dedication to the principles of nursing ethics and the highest standards of nursing practice
  - ANA Hall of Fame

- Leadership in Ethics Award
- *Nursing Champions*: recognize outstanding accomplishments in the area of advocacy for the profession of nursing and for ANA
  - Advocacy Award
  - Champion of Nursing Award

Please review [ANA's National Awards Program Guide](#) for an overview of the nomination submission and review processes; a list of the questions posed for each award; tips for submitting a strong nomination; and a detailed timeline. The [National Awards Program Guide](#) includes the criteria for each of ANA's National Awards and a [step-by-step tutorial](#) to assist you in submitting an award nomination via the online form.

Nominations must be submitted by **5:00pm ET on Monday, October 7, 2019**. If you have any questions, please send an email to [leader@ana.org](mailto:leader@ana.org).