

## National Awards Criteria

### HALL OF FAME

The ANA Hall of Fame recognizes an individual's lifelong commitment to the field of nursing and its enduring impact on the health and/or social/political history of the United States. Up to two nurses may be inducted each award cycle into the ANA Hall of Fame. The first inductees into the ANA Hall of Fame occurred in 1976.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends up to two nominees for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

### AWARD CRITERIA

The nominee:

1. Must have a consistent, outstanding record of leadership and have demonstrated leadership that affected the health and/or social/political history of the United States through sustained, life-long contributions to professional organizations, nursing practice, education, administration, research, working conditions, or literature.
2. Is a recognized and respected leader in nursing and health care.
3. Must have been prepared in a formal registered nursing program unless the contribution was made before 1873 when no formal training was available.
4. The impact of the contributions to the nursing profession may be domestic and/or global.
5. The achievements must have enduring value to nursing beyond the nominee's lifetime. (*Note: Nominees for the Hall of Fame Award **may be living or deceased***<sup>1</sup>)

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<sup>1</sup> Per ANA Board of Directors action - April 1994

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### BARBARA THOMAN CURTIS AWARD

The Barbara Thoman Curtis Award is presented to a C/SNA-ANA or IMD member for significant contributions to nursing practice and health policy through political and legislative activity.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

### AWARD CRITERIA

The nominee:

1. Must be a current C/SNA-ANA or IMD member.
2. Through demonstrated political activity (i.e., campaign work, fund raising, or lobbying), promotes the nursing profession in political and health care arenas.
3. Through education, advances the knowledge of nurses, politicians, and policy makers concerning the contributions of nursing in the health care field.
4. Through political or legislative leadership at the state and/or national levels, develops mechanisms to promote the effectiveness of nursing's role in the provision of health care services through political and/or legislative activities.

*Barbara Thoman Curtis, who passed away in October 2015, was a catalyst for political activity and awareness within the nursing profession beginning in the early 1970s. She made significant contributions as a nursing leader having served on the ANA Board of Directors, ANA-PAC Board of Trustees, ANA Committee on Appointments, ANA Finance Committee, and ANA Committee on Bylaws. Barbara "developed" the role model for the political nurse. She helped to pioneer ANA's involvement in politics and legislation and served as a mentor to countless numbers of nurses across the country.*

*Barbara Thoman Curtis educated nurses on the political and legislative processes and nursing's role in the formation of health care policy for several decades and earned a reputation for being a political activist for nursing.*

*Throughout her nursing career, Barbara was active in various political campaigns and served in a variety of roles (i.e., consultant, campaign manager, fund raiser, scheduler, and volunteer). Her work as a campaign coordinator for the 1986 congressional campaign of Illinois Nurses Association member, Mary Lou Kearns, RN, earned her a national reputation as a political force for nursing.*



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### **DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

The Distinguished Membership Award, established in 1967 by the ANA Board of Directors, is presented to up to two current or former C/SNA-ANA or IMD member or members in recognition of outstanding leadership and participation in and contributions to the purposes of ANA.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the Distinguished Membership Award and recommends up to two nominees for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

The nominee:

1. Must have been a C/SNA-ANA or IMD member for at least 10 years.
2. Must have been a member of the nursing profession for at least 10 years.
3. Must have held elective national office; served as an appointed chairperson or member of a standing or special committee, former cabinet, congress, or council; or served on a former national section committee.
4. Must have demonstrated leadership and contributed to the purposes of ANA.

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### HILDEGARD PEPLAU AWARD

The Hildegard Peplau Award was established in 1990 to honor a nurse who has made significant contributions to nursing practice over a lifetime through scholarly activities, clinical practice, and policy development, specifically directed towards the psychosocial and psychiatric aspects of nursing care delivery.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

### AWARD CRITERIA

The nominee:

1. Must be a current C/SNA-ANA or IMD member.
2. Through research and/or theory development, advances knowledge of biopsychosocial concepts of human behavior into best practice nursing care.
3. Either directly through practice or through leadership/influence on practice provides and develops innovating nursing practices which improve a patient's quality of life and are measured by clean outcome markers.
4. Through leadership at the state and/or national levels, impacts the delivery of care for vulnerable populations in need of psychiatric nursing services.

*Hildegard Peplau, who passed away in March 1999, was a major force within the profession and discipline of nursing for over three decades. She made significant contributions as a leader within the professional organization serving as both the president and executive director of ANA, and within the discipline as a developer of theory and innovator in developing the role of the psychiatric nurse. Peplau helped to pioneer the development of the Clinical Specialist in Psychiatric Nursing and served as mentor to countless members of psychiatric nurses across the country.*

*Peplau was an exceptionally clear thinker who changed the field of nursing and the sub-specialty of psychiatric nursing dramatically over the course of her career. Even in her retirement, she was called upon to be a source of knowledge and expertise. She made significant contributions to the development of ANA's Social Policy Statement and set the stage early in her career for the development of standards of psychiatric nursing. In addition, she went to the "front lines" of psychiatric nursing practice in presenting countless continuing education workshops in state hospitals across the country, touching the lives of nurses and patients in those facilities. She provided the impetus for the integration of psychosocial concepts into the practice of all nursing, thereby enriching the care of all patients.*



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### HONORARY HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

The Honorary Human Rights Award, established in 1985 by the ANA Board of Directors, is presented to a C/SNA-ANA or IMD member in recognition of an outstanding commitment to human rights and exemplifying the essence of nursing's philosophy about humanity.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

### AWARD CRITERIA

1. The nominee must be a current C/SNA-ANA or IMD member.
2. The contribution and accomplishments of the nominee must be of national significance to human rights.
3. The contribution of the nominee has influenced health care and/or nursing practice.

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### HONORARY NURSING PRACTICE AWARD

The Honorary Nursing Practice Award was established in 1974 to acknowledge registered nurses who are involved in direct patient care. The recipient, through strength of character, commitment, and competence, receives recognition by peers as one who contributes to the advancement of nursing practice. This nurse also participates in community and organizational affairs, demonstrates an ability to work with others, and has an innovative outlook.

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### AWARD CRITERIA

The nominee:

1. Must have been a member of the nursing profession for at least five years.
2. Through application of nursing knowledge, assists patients in functioning at and maintaining optimum levels of health and activities, as persons, as members of families, and as members of their community.
3. Through direct nursing practice, provides innovations that help and encourage peers in their practice of nursing and acts as a role model to inspire peers to improve their quality of practice.
4. Has contributed to the improvement of quality of direct patient care.
5. Has participated in community affairs, been recognized by peers, participated in organizational affairs, and has the ability to work with others and an innovative outlook.

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### HONORARY RECOGNITION AWARD

The first Honorary Recognition Award was presented at ANA's 1954 biennial convention. Honorary Recognition is one of the highest honors the association can accord. This award is given only to persons who have rendered distinguished service or valuable assistance to the nursing profession, and whose contributions and accomplishments are of national or international significance to nursing.

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### AWARD CRITERIA

1. The contribution and accomplishments of the nominee must be of national or international significance to the nursing profession.
2. If the nominee is a nurse, the nominee must be a member of the nursing profession and a current C/SNA-ANA or IMD member for at least 10 consecutive years.

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### JESSIE M. SCOTT AWARD

The Jessie M. Scott Award recognizes outstanding accomplishment in a field of practice, education, or research and demonstrates the interdependence of these elements and their significance for the improvement of nursing and health care.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration 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. *Since nursing contact hours are awarded for this session, the recipient is expected to complete the appropriate continuing education session information packet.*

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The nominee:

1. Must be a current C/SNA-ANA or IMD member.
2. Must have demonstrated the interdependent relationships among nursing practice, nursing education, and nursing research.
3. Must agree to make available and/or present in a written or oral format, the Jessie M. Scott Essay/Lecture material for dissemination by ANA.

*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. Jessie M. Scott, who passed away in October 2009, was associated with the Division of Nursing from 1955 until her retirement in 1979 and became the second director of the division in 1964. Scott 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. Scott was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the Public Health Service in 1973 and the ANA Honorary Recognition Award in 1972.*

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### LUTHER CHRISTMAN AWARD

The Luther Christman Award recognizes the visible, commendable, and substantial contributions that an individual man in nursing has made to the profession of nursing, including but not limited to the following areas: practice, research, education, public policy, and/or community service.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

### AWARD CRITERIA

The nominee:

1. Must be a current C/SNA-ANA or IMD member.
2. Must be a man in nursing who has made a visible, commendable and substantial contribution to nursing in the areas to include, but not limited to; practice, research, education, public policy and/or community service.
3. Advocates on behalf of the nursing profession at the local, regional, national, and/or international levels.

*The Luther Christman Award was established in 2006 in recognition of Luther Christman's contributions to nursing. He became the first man in nursing to be inducted into the American Nurses Association's Hall of Fame in 2004 for his extraordinary contributions to nursing.*

*Christman, who passed away in June 2011, had a distinguished career in nursing. When refused a commission in the military nurse corps during World War II, he enlisted in the Merchant Marine and served as a Pharmacists Mate. He worked in mental health in Yankton, South Dakota and then in Michigan. Christman became Dean of Nursing at Vanderbilt University where he first developed his integration model of nursing education and practice and then was named Founding Dean of Nursing at Rush Medical Center and Rush University in Chicago.*

*Christman became one of the founders of the National Male Nurses Association, now known as the American Assembly for Men in Nursing; was a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (Academy) and named a "Living Legend" by the Academy.*

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### MARY ELLEN PATTON STAFF NURSE LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Mary Ellen Patton Staff Nurse Leadership Award recognizes an individual staff nurse who has made significant contributions to the professional advancement of staff nurses and who has demonstrated leadership in the nursing profession.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

#### AWARD CRITERIA

The nominee:

1. Must be a C/SNA-ANA or IMD member.
2. Must currently be employed as a staff nurse. Per the ANA Bylaws, a staff nurse is defined as one who is non-supervisory, non-managerial, and includes one or more of the following:
  - a. employed by a health care institution or agency;
  - b. primary role in that staff nurse position is a provider of direct patient care; and
  - c. collective bargaining eligible under applicable labor law.
3. Must be active and have made significant contributions through demonstrated leadership at the local, district, state, and national levels.
4. Must have made significant contributions to the advancement of professional staff nurses.
5. Must demonstrate quality of care and professional behavior within his/her practice at the patient's side.

*The Mary Ellen Patton Staff Nurse Leadership Award was established in 1995 to recognize Mary Ellen Patton who exemplified the qualities of a staff nurse leader as a local, district, and state officer and during her eight year tenure on the ANA Board of Directors. Patton also served simultaneously as Treasurer for the Ohio Nurses Association for four of those years.*

*Patton, who served the local unit and district in many capacities, showed staff nurses that it is not only important to be involved, but it is possible to do it as a staff nurse. Patton has been an inspirational role model and mentor to staff nurses all over the country as an often-requested speaker, and former member of the ANA Board of Directors.*

*Patton received the Mary Ellen Patton Staff Nurse Leadership Award (1996), ANA Shirley Titus Award (1982), the Ohio Nurses Association Diamond Jubilee Nurse Award (1979), the ONA Elizabeth K. Porter Award (1989), the YMCA Woman of the Year (1990), and the Youngstown Recognition of Leadership (1988-1989). Patton also stimulated involvement with community projects by her multitude of activities with children and handicap organizations such as "Fulfill a Dream of Ohio," "Year of the Handicapped" park project and "Year of the Child" project.*

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### MARY MAHONEY AWARD

The Mary Mahoney Award recognizes significant contributions, by an individual nurse or a group of nurses, to increasing diversity and inclusion within the nursing profession.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

### AWARD CRITERIA

1. The nominee or nominees must have made a significant contribution to opening and advancing opportunities in nursing to members of minority groups.
2. The nominee or nominees must also have made a significant contribution to nursing.
3. The nominee or nominees' contribution or the impact of the contribution toward the integration, retention, and advancement of minorities in nursing and nursing in general, must be current and demonstrated.
4. The nominee or nominees' contribution must reflect that the outcome had an influence on nursing and on the advancement of intergroup relations.

*The award is named for Mary Eliza Mahoney, the first African American graduate nurse in the United States. It was established to honor her active participation in nursing organizations and her efforts to raise the status of African American nurses in professional life.*

*Mahoney graduated from the Training School for Nurses, New England Hospital for Women and Children, in 1879. During her 40 years in nursing, she provided exemplary patient care and made outstanding contributions to nursing organizations. In 1909, she gave the address at the first conference of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses (NACGN), which established the Mary Mahoney Award in 1936, in recognition of her example to nurses of all races.*

*The Mary Mahoney Award has been conferred by ANA since 1952, following the NACGN dissolution and merger with ANA in 1951.*

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### PEARL MCLVER PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AWARD

The Pearl McIver 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 Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

#### AWARD CRITERIA

The nominee:

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

*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.*

*McIver, who passed away in 1976, received the first Public Health Nurse Award from the Public Health Nurses Section of ANA 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 retired on July 1, 1957. McIver's activities reflected her energy, professionalism, and dedication to public health nursing. She was active in the American Public Health Association, American Red Cross, and the Council of Federal Nursing. She was president of ANA from 1948 to 1950 and executive director of the American Journal of Nursing Company from 1957 to 1959.*

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### SHIRLEY TITUS AWARD

The Shirley Titus Award recognizes the contribution that an individual nurse has made in ANA or in any of its C/SNAs to empower frontline registered nurses and effect positive changes in the work environment.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

### AWARD CRITERIA

1. The nominee must be a current C/SNA/ANA or IMD member.
2. The award is to be presented to an individual nurse who, in support of ANA or a C/SNA, has participated in activities of ANA a C/SNA to advocate for a healthy and ethical work environment; improved retention and engagement of nurses; empowered nurses to have control over their practice, and brought significant contributions to these activities.
3. The nominee contributes to the improvement of the quality of patient care.

*The Shirley Titus Award was established in 1976 in recognition of Shirley Titus who advocated for a healthy and ethical work environment and who engaged in pioneering work in nursing education. Titus, who passed away in 1967, served as executive director of the California Nurses Association; served as the Director of Nursing Services and of the School of Nursing at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. During her tenure, Titus established one of the first systems of general duty nursing, acting on her belief that general duty nursing would improve nursing education and patient care.*

*Titus, who was also a member of the ANA Board of Directors and of the American Journal of Nursing Company, devoted her life to the progress of nursing in what she described as its "tortuous evolution from the status of a craft to the status of a profession."*

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### STAFF NURSE PATIENT ADVOCACY AWARD

The Staff Nurse Patient Advocacy Award was established in 1998 to recognize excellence in individual staff nurses who provide direct patient care in all practice settings and who have advocated for their patients. The award is intended to honor staff nurse advocates –the heroines and heroes in the front lines – who have been inspirational role models and mentors to other staff nurses.

The Committee on Honorary Awards Subcommittee reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and consideration by the ANA Board of Directors.

### AWARD CRITERIA

The nominee:

1. Must be a C/SNA-ANA or an IMD member.
2. Must currently be employed as a staff nurse. Per the ANA Bylaws, a staff nurse is defined as one who is non-supervisory, non-managerial, and includes one or more of the following:
  - a. Is employed by a health care institution or agency;
  - b. Whose primary role is a provider of direct patient care;
  - c. Who is collective bargaining eligible under applicable labor law.
3. Must have demonstrated outstanding advocacy in a clinical setting at the staff nurse level.

The nomination must also include a maximum of three supporting letters from the nominee’s patients, peers, medical staff, co-workers or the community.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>In December 1999, the ANA Board of Directors approved the submission of **EITHER** a maximum of five letters of support **OR** a maximum of three letters of support and a maximum of two print validations of a nominee’s contributions and achievements, such as newspaper clippings and articles in professional journals, for each nominee for an ANA national award. For the Staff Nurse Advocacy Award, a maximum of five documents as described above must include a maximum of three supporting letters from the nominee’s patients, peers, medical staff, co-workers, or the community.