

**ARKANSAS NURSING  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**2020**

**AWARDS AND  
HONORS  
BOOKLET**

## Table of Contents

<b>Introduction .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Awards with No Application Required</b>	
Chapter of Excellence.....	4
<b>Awards with General Application Required</b>	
Breakthrough to Nursing Award .....	5
Community Health Award .....	5
Empowering Resolutions Award.....	6
Image of Nursing Award .....	6
Most Outstanding Newsletter Award .....	6
Shannon Finley Disaster Preparedness Award.....	7
<b>Awards with Specific Applications/Nominations</b>	
Student of the Year Award .....	8
Chapter Advisor of the Year Award.....	8
Courageous Heart Award .....	8
Remarkable Student Award.....	8
<b>Scholarships</b>	
ANSA Scholarship .....	9
<b>Appendix.....</b>	<b>10</b>
General Award Application.....	11
Student of the Year Application .....	14
Chapter Advisor of the Year Application.....	16
Courageous Heart Application .....	18
Remarkable Student Application.....	20
ANSA Scholarship Application .....	22

# INTRODUCTION

ANSA constituent associations have the opportunity for involvement in leadership programs and impacting their communities. We at ANSA feel that those actions should not go without notice. In our efforts to reward those actions, we have created this awards and honors program.

This booklet contains information about awards and honors that ANSA offers, including how to apply for them, general information, and deadlines.

**Deadlines: Applications must be received via email submission by 11:59 pm Central Time on the deadline date listed for each award.**

## **Please Note:**

- Any incomplete submissions will not be considered.
- Separate applications are required for each General Application award submission.
- Only one application will be accepted per award.
- Please do not submit the same project for multiple award categories.
- All applications must be submitted to the email listed on the award application. Place the name of the award in the subject title, include the name of the award and constituent association in the body of the email.
- All applications become ANSA property upon submission and will not be returned.
- All awards will be presented at the awards ceremony as printed in the Convention brochure.
- At least one representative from the winning chapter must be present to receive chapter awards and the individual applicant must be present to receive scholarship award (or appoint a designee to receive award on your behalf, with notification to the Board of Directors **prior** to the Awards Ceremony).

If you require any additional information about awards or scholarships, please contact: [consultant1@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:consultant1@arknursingstudents.org).

# **AWARD WITH NO APPLICATION REQUIRED**

## **Chapter of Excellence Award**

This award is open to all school chapters. School chapters will be automatically entered for this award and judged according to the criteria below, based on all awards submitted by **11:59 pm, September 18, 2020**. Quality of the projects submitted will also be considered.

### **Judging Criteria:**

1. Submissions of chapter information to ANSA website in “Contact” section with the subject title “Chapter of Excellence Award Submission Information: Chapter Information”.
2. Attendance at COSL (February and September).
3. Proof of *anticipated* attendance at 2020 NSNA Annual Convention submitted to ANSA website in “Contact” section with the subject title “Chapter of Excellence Submission Information: Proof of Attendance”.
4. Attendance at ANSA Annual Convention (previous year).
5. Delegate Representation at the State and National level.
6. Proof of Chapter meeting participation and attendance submitted to ANSA website in “Contact” section with the subject title “Chapter of Excellence Submission Information: Proof of Attendance”.
7. Chapter Awards applied for at Annual State Convention.

# **AWARDS WITH GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIRED**

## **Breakthrough to Nursing Award**

The Breakthrough to Nursing Award is awarded to a constituent organization who shows excellence in recruiting students into their program through a project or event. Special consideration is given to events that involve groups of people who are underrepresented within the field of nursing.

### **Judging Criteria:**

Maximum Points Awarded: 70

1. Neat and Complete Application: 0-10
2. Community Impact: 0-10
3. Media Coverage: 0-10
4. Clarity of Message: 0-10
5. Originality/Creativity: 0-10
6. Attainment of Goals: 0-10
7. Positive Results Attained: 0-10

## **Community Health Award**

The Community Health Award is given to a constituent organization that provides service to their community through an event or project by providing health related services.

### **Judging Criteria:**

Maximum Points Awarded: 70

1. Neat and Complete Application: 0-10
2. Community Impact: 0-10
3. Media Coverage: 0-10
4. Clarity of Message: 0-10
5. Originality/Creativity: 0-10
6. Attainment of Goals: 0-10
7. Positive Results Attained: 0-10

## **Empowering Resolutions Award**

The Empowering Resolutions Award is given to a constituent organization who conducts an event or project that successfully implements resolutions adopted by the NSNA House of Delegates: <https://www.nsna.org/resolutions-by-year.html>.

### **Judging Criteria:**

Maximum Points Awarded: 70

1. Neat and Complete Application: 0-10
2. Community Impact: 0-10
3. Media Coverage: 0-10
4. Clarity of Message: 0-10
5. Originality/Creativity: 0-10
6. Attainment of Goals: 0-10
7. Positive Results Attained: 0-10

## **Image of Nursing Award**

This award is given to a constituent organization who successfully orchestrates a community service event or project that positively influences the image of nurses and/or nursing students.

### **Judging Criteria:**

Maximum Points Awarded: 70

1. Neat and Complete Application: 0-10
2. Community Impact: 0-10
3. Media Coverage: 0-10
4. Clarity of Message: 0-10
5. Originality/Creativity: 0-10
6. Attainment of Goals: 0-10
7. Positive Results Attained: 0-10

## **Most Outstanding Newsletter Award**

This award is given to a constituent organization who demonstrates excellence in communication with their members by way of a newsletter. Newsletters are judged on the basis of content and design aesthetics.

Please attach newsletters with application to [consultant1@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:consultant1@arknursingstudents.org).

**Applications with NO newsletter attached will result in an incomplete application.**

### **Judging Criteria:**

#### **A. Frequency of Publication: 4 points max (From 10/2019 - 08/2020)**

- a. Two times: 1 points
- b. Three times: 2 points
- c. Four times: 3 points

- d. Five+ times: 4 points

**B. Content: 0-10 points**

- a. Relevance and timeliness
- b. Student and variable author participation
- c. Balance of news and features

**C. Layout and Design Consideration: 0-10 points**

- a. Up-front placement of priority news
- b. Appealing front page
- c. Balance of copy with photos/art & headlines
- d. Readability (size, font, and use of white space)
- e. Consistent format
- f. Unity (focus of issue, photos to support article, ads appropriate to nursing)

**D. Accuracy: 0-10 points**

- a. Effective proofreading
- b. Proper referencing
- c. Observance of copyright laws
- d. Volume and issue number listed

### **Shannon Finley Disaster Preparedness Award**

The committee judges this award based on how a constituent organization has raised awareness of its disaster plans, or developed plans for individual, school, and community responses. Projects can highlight education presentations, development of school or community awareness projects, or disaster-kit preparation.

**Judging Criteria:**

Maximum Points Awarded: 70

1. Neat and Complete Application: 0-10
2. Community Impact: 0-10
3. Media Coverage: 0-10
4. Clarity of Message: 0-10
5. Originality/Creativity: 0-10
6. Attainment of Goals: 0-10
7. Positive Results Attained: 0-10

## **AWARDS WITH SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS/ NOMINATIONS**

### **Student of the Year Award**

The Student of the Year Award is given to a person who demonstrates excellence in leadership through service to their community, their nursing program, and their local SNA chapter. The recipient of this award is a model leader and nursing student who provides an example for all other nursing students to emulate. This award requires peer or advisor student nomination.

### **Chapter Advisor of the Year Award**

This award is given to a chapter advisor who, through selfless giving of time, effort, wisdom, and care, is an outstanding and invaluable asset to their school's local SNA chapter, as well as state and national organization. They believe that involvement in pre-professional then professional organizations is an essential part of the nursing profession. This award requires nomination by a member of the local constituent organization.

### **Courageous Heart Award**

This award is given to a student who has shown the great ability to rise up against adversity and still thrive during their career as a nursing student. The recipient of this award demonstrates that through hard work and dedication, a person can rise up against all odds and succeed. This award requires peer or advisor student nomination.

### **Remarkable Student Award**

The Remarkable Student Award is given to a student who recognizes and demonstrates outstanding marks in both academia as well as in student involvement and participation in extracurriculars. This student not only achieves exceptional advances in their academic career, but is set apart by passionate involvement in causes the student cares about. This student is willing to be bold to promote the betterment of their school, their peers, and the nursing profession. This award may be submitted via self, peer, or advisor nomination.



# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

## **ANSA Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to one person from each district who has proved to be a standout member of their local and/or state constituent organizations through community service, professional behavior and educational merit. The amount of the scholarship award is subject to change year to year based upon availability of funds within the ANSA budget. At least one person per school should be nominated for this scholarship. Scholarship nominees may be made by the student, peers, or advisors.

# **APPENDIX: APPLICATION FORMS**

# GENERAL AWARD APPLICATION

**Deadline: September 18, 2020**

**Submit via email to: [consultant1@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:consultant1@arknursingstudents.org)**

## **Section I - General Information:**

- Breakthrough to Nursing Award
- Community Health Award
- Empowering Resolutions Award
- Image of Nursing Award
- Most Outstanding Newsletter Award
- Shannon Finley Disaster Preparedness Award

**School Association Name:**

**Project Committee Chairperson:**

**Chairperson's Phone Number:**

**Chairperson's Email Address:**

**School Mailing Address:**

**Faculty Advisor:**

**Faculty Advisor Signature:**

(Electronic Signature, including date and time, is acceptable)

**Title of Project:**

**Date of Project:**

**Site of Project:**

**Number of Nursing Students Involved:**

**Number of People Attending (if applicable):**

**Will this project be continued next year by your association?      Yes      No**

**Did Nursing Students receive academic recognition for participation in the project?**  
**Yes      No**

**If yes, describe type of recognition (e.g., independent study, course credit, give name of course, certificate, etc.):**

**Did your Association receive an ANSA award for this project previously?**  
**Yes      No**

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***

## **Section II - Project Specific Information:**

- Provide a description of collaboration with non-nursing students (if applicable).
- Attach a list of community organizations that assisted with the project.
- Describe how the project was advertised/publicized/promoted in all forms of media (i.e. photos, publicity flyers, press releases, videos, web address, handout materials, social media, etc.). Attach description and any promotional materials used.
- Briefly describe how the project was conducted (This summary will be read at the awards ceremony).
- Describe the goals of the project and to what extent these goals were met. If submitting for “Empowering Resolutions Award,” list resolutions, the project to which it refers, and its year.
- Describe what was learned from the project that would be beneficial to others.

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***

# **STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Deadline: September 18, 2020**

**Submit via email to: [consultant1@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:consultant1@arknursingstudents.org)**

## **Section I - General Information:**

**Name of Nominee:**

**Nominee Phone Number:**

**Nominee Email:**

**Mailing Address:**

**NSNA Member Number:**

**Current GPA (4.0 Scale):**

**School of Nursing:**

**Dean/Director of Program:**

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***

## **Section II - Award Specific Information:**

- Provide a letter of recommendation from the dean/director, SNA advisor, or instructor of the nominee's school of nursing that addresses his/her leadership characteristics. This should be submitted from the dean/director, SNA advisor, or instructor's email with the corresponding award title and student's name in the subject box.
- Attach a letter of nomination from a fellow SNA member attesting to the nominee's leadership accomplishments within SNA and how those accomplishments have impacted the nursing program as a whole.
- List any awards received relating to academics, campus activities, or community service.
- Include a one-page essay written by the nominee regarding his/her leadership accomplishments, professional/educational goals, and vision for the nursing profession.

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***

# CHAPTER ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Deadline: September 18, 2020**

**Submit via email to: [consultant1@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:consultant1@arknursingstudents.org)**

## **Section I - To Be Completed By Nominee**

**Name of Nominee:**

**School Association Name:**

**Title/Position:**

**Nominee Phone Number:**

**Nominee Email:**

**Nominee Mailing Address:**

**Please provide the following information:**

- Provide total number of years as an educator.
- History of professional education (list schools and degrees obtained).
- Classes (Lecture, Clinical, Lab) that are currently taught by the nominee.
- Provide a list of current professional nursing organizations and, if applicable, positions held within the organization.
- List any committees upon which nominee has served in the last two years.
- List any honors/awards received in the last five years.
- Provide information related to involvement with student groups in the last two years, particularly with the local constituent chapter of ANSA.
- Describe how involvement in the Arkansas Nursing Students' Association prepares students for involvement in professional nursing organizations.

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***



## **Section II - To Be Completed By Nominating Student**

**Name of Nominating Student:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***

**Please complete and attach an essay, no longer than two double-spaced, size 12 font, typed pages, addressing the following topics:**

- Explain how the nominee motivates and generates enthusiasm for SNA and the nursing profession.
- Describe how the nominee exhibits and teaches professionalism.
- Explain how the nominee encourages students to continue their education and promotes involvement in professional organizations after graduation.
- Describe how the nominee supports students to grow and learn from their roles within SNA, ANSA, and NSNA.

# **COURAGEOUS HEART AWARD**

**Deadline: September 18, 2020**

**Submit via email to: [consultant1@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:consultant1@arknursingstudents.org)**

## **Section I- General Information:**

**Name of Nominee:**

**Nominee Phone Number:**

**Nominee Email:**

**Nominee Mailing Address:**

**NSNA Member Number:**

**Expiration:**

**Current GPA (4.0 Scale):**

**School of Nursing:**

**Dean/Director of Program:**

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***

## **Section II- Award Specific Information**

- Provide a letter of recommendation from the dean/director, SNA advisor, or instructor of the nominee's school of nursing that addresses his/her exceptional fortitude in the face of adversity. This should be submitted from the dean/director, SNA advisor, or instructor's email with the corresponding award title and student's name in the subject box.
- Provide an accounting of the circumstances surrounding the nomination of this particular student of nursing.
- List any awards received relating to academics, campus activities, or community service.
- Attach letter of nomination from a fellow SNA member attesting to the nominee's contributions to SNA and how this individual has impacted their current class as a whole.
- Include a one-page essay written by the nominee regarding his/her personal accomplishments, professional/educational goals, and vision for the nursing profession.

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***

# REMARKABLE STUDENT AWARD

**Deadline: September 18, 2020**

**Submit via email to: [consultant1@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:consultant1@arknursingstudents.org)**

## **Section I - General Information:**

**Name of Nominee:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**NSNA Member Number:**

**Current GPA (4.0 Scale):**

**School of Nursing:**

**Dean/Director of Program:**

## **Section II - Award Specific Information:**

- Provide a letter of recommendation from the dean/director, SNA advisor, or instructor of the nominee's school of nursing that addresses his/her presence on campus and in clinical, including characteristics that deem this student remarkable. This should be submitted from the dean/director, SNA advisor, or instructor's email with the corresponding award title and student's name in the subject box.
- List any awards received relating to academics, campus activities, or community service.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a fellow SNA member attesting to the nomination of the student, including how the nominee has impacted their nursing program, or class, as a whole.
- Include a two-page essay written by the nominee regarding his/her academic and extracurricular accomplishments, involvement in and outside of school-related activities, professional/educational goals, and vision for change in the nursing profession. Address one current issue in healthcare and how the nominee plans to aid in this issue.

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***

# **ANSA SCHOLARSHIP**

Selection of scholarship recipients is based on academic achievement, financial need, involvement in SNA and community health activities. One scholarship is awarded to a student in each of ANSA's four districts.

**Deadline September 18, 2020**

**Submit via email to: [consultant1@arknursingstudents.org](mailto:consultant1@arknursingstudents.org)**

## **Section I - General Information:**

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**E-mail:**

**Mailing Address:**

**NSNA Membership Number:**

**Expiration:**

## **Section II - School Information**

**ANSA District (1-4):**

**Current School of Nursing:**

**Dean/Director of Nursing Program:**

**Type of Program:**

**Year in School:**

**Expected Graduation Date:**

**Current GPA (4.0 Scale):**

**Other Schools of Nursing and/or Colleges Attended, Type of Degree Program:**

**Did You Graduate?**

**Date of Completion:**

### **Section III - Nursing Profession Essay**

Provide a short essay (fewer than 100 words) describing to the Awards and Scholarship Committee why you have chosen nursing as your profession.

### **Section IV - Leadership and Organizations**

Include a list of student organizations to which you belong and any positions held within those organizations. Provide any information on projects planned and/or participated in during the past year.

### **Section V - Financial Information**

**\*\*ALL FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL\*\***

List all sources of tuition/school expense assistance that are applicable, including:

- Scholarships
- Parental Support
- Student Loans
- Spouse's Income
- Personal Employment

Attach a brief account of your relevant financial information. Describe how this scholarship would help to meet your educational goals.

### **Section VI - Letter of Recommendation**

On a University or College of Nursing letterhead, have the Dean/Director, SNA Faculty Advisor, or Instructor of your nursing school write a letter of recommendation to the Scholarship Selection Committee on your behalf. Please have them include your scholastic abilities, contributions to your school, SNA program, and/or community projects related to nursing. This should be submitted from the dean/director, SNA advisor, or instructor's e-mail with the corresponding award title and student's name in the subject box.

## **Section VII - Acknowledgement**

I hereby make an application to receive a scholarship administered by the Arkansas Nursing Students' Association. I certify that all statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of my application or attachments will disqualify my application. I further understand that an Awards and Scholarship committee appointed by the ANSA Board of Directors will select the scholarship recipients and the decision made will be final.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**\*All sections must be filled in and completed, any blanks will result in incomplete application\***