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INTRODUCTION

ANSAn constituent associations have the opportunity for involvement of 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 general information, how to apply for them, 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 project submitted
- Only one application will be accepted per project
- Please do not submit the same project for multiple award categories
- All applications must be submitted using the email address provided on the Award application
- Certain awards do not require applications
- All awards will be submitted via email. Place name of award in subject title, include the name of award and constituent association in the body of email
- All applications become ANSA property upon submission and will not be returned
- All awards will be presented at the awards ceremony on Friday 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 need any additional information about different awards or scholarships, please contact: gradconsultant@arknursingstudents.org
Awards with No Application Required

Chapter of Excellence Award
This award is open to all school chapters. School chapters will be automatically entered and judged according to the criteria below, based on all awards submitted by **11:59 pm, September 1, 2019**. Quality of the projects submitted will also be considered.

Judging Criteria:
1. Submissions of chapter information to website for “What’s happening in your school” section
2. Attendance at COSL (March and September)
3. Attendance at NSNA Annual Convention
4. Attendance at ANSA Annual Convention (previous year)
5. Delegate Representation at the State and National level
6. Chapter Financial Operations (submission to Financial Excellence Award)
7. Chapter meeting participation and attendance
8. Chapter Awards applied for at Annual State Convention
AWARDS WITH GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIRED

Breakthrough to Nursing Award
The Breakthrough to Nursing Award goes to a local SNA chapter 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.

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

Financial Excellence Award
This award is given to a chapter who, through diligence, impeccable record keeping and extensive planning successfully manages the finances of their constituent organization. The chapter should also give detailed accounts of the success of various fundraising efforts conducted by the organization.
*Complete Sections I and III of General Application only*

Judging Criteria
Maximum Points Awarded: 70
1. Neat and Complete Application: 0-10
2. Written Financial Policies and Procedures: 0-10
3. Written long-term policies and procedures: 0-10
4. Annual budget: 0-10
5. Bank balance (percentage increase/decrease as compared to prior year): 0-10
6. Fundraising ideas: 0-10
7. Documented sources of revenues for chapter: 0-10

*Bonus points will be awarded for inclusion of external Auditor’s Financial Report
Image of Nursing Award
This award is given to a local SNA chapter 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.

Judging Criteria
A. Frequency of Publication – 4 points max (From 10/2018-8/2019)
   1. Two times – 1 points
   2. Three times – 2 points
   3. Four times – 3 points
   4. Five+ times – 4 points
B. Content – 0-10 points
   1. Relevance and timeliness
   2. Student and variable author participation
   3. Balance of news and features
C. Layout and Design Consideration – 0-10 points
   1. Up-front placement of priority news
   2. Tempting headlines throughout the issue
   3. Appealing front page
   4. Balance of copy with photos/art & headlines
   5. Readability (size, font, and use of white space)
   6. Consistent format
   7. Unity (focus of issue, photos to support article, ads appropriate to nursing)
D. Accuracy – 0-10 points
   1. Effective proofreading
   2. Proper referencing
   3. Observance of copyright laws
   4. Volume and issue number listed
Shannon Finley Disaster Preparedness Award

The committee judges this award based on how a school chapter has raised the 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.

**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 outstanding and invaluable assets 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.
**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.

**Bridging the Gap Scholarship**
The Bridging the Gap Award is given to a student who will graduate between October 2019 and September 2020. The student should be a great asset to their constituent organization and express an interest in becoming involved with the Arkansas Nurses Association. The recipient of this award will receive one year of paid membership into the Arkansas Nurses Association.
APPENDIX:
APPLICATION FORMS
GENERAL AWARD APPLICATION

Deadline September 1, 2019

**INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**
**SEPARATE APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH SUBMISSION**

Submit via e-mail to: gradconsultant@arknursingstudents.org

Section I - General Information

€ Breakthrough to Nursing Award
€ Community Health Award
€ Empowering Resolutions Award
€ Financial Excellence Award
€ Image of Nursing Award
€ Outstanding Newsletter Award

Type in Black

School Association Name: _

Project Committee Chairperson: _

Contact person: _

Phone:

E-mail: _

Mailing Address: _

City: State: Zip:

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:

Please provide the following information as an attachment:

- Provide a description of collaboration with non-nursing students (if applicable)

- Attach a list of community organizations that assisted with the project

- Provide a financial statement outlining the project budget

- Describe how the project was advertised/publicized/promoted in all forms of media (i.e. photos, publicity flyers, press releases, video/audio tapes, CDs, web address, handout materials, etc.) Attach description and promotional materials.

- Briefly describe how the project was conducted (excerpt from 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
Section III – Financial Excellence Award Applicants only: 
(Complete Section I and III of General Application)

Please provide the following information as an attachment:

- A copy of chapter financial policies and procedures, including summary of internal control practices
- A copy of long-term financial goals and investment guidelines
- A financial statement outlining the annual operating budget
- A one-year history of the funds within bank or other investment accounts, so that the ANSA Board can determine the percentage of change from the beginning of the year through year end. Remove confidential information such as account numbers.
- A listing of the sources of revenue that the chapter utilizes
  Include:
  1. State/School Dues
  2. Newsletter and/or Website Advertising
  3. Meeting Registrations
  4. Fundraising Item Sales
  5. Auctions/Donations
  6. Other Sponsorships (i.e. luncheons, meetings, events)

- Describe your best fundraising event(s)
  Include:
  1. How it was organized.
  2. How it was promoted.
  3. How many volunteers were needed?
  4. How much did it cost?
  5. How much money was raised?
  6. Is the fundraiser ongoing or a one-time event?
STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Deadline September 1, 2019

**INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**NOMINEES MUST ATTEND THE 2019 ANSA STATE CONVENTION**

Submit via e-mail to: gradconsultant@arknursingstudents.org

Section I - General Information

Type in Black

Name of Nominee: __

Phone No: _______  E-mail: __

Mailing Address: __

City:  State:  Zip:

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:

Please provide the following information as an attachment:

• 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 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.
CHAPTER ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Deadline September 1, 2019
**INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**
*CHAPTERS ARE ALLOWED TO NOMINATE ONE ADVISOR PER SCHOOL*
**NOMINEES MUST ATTEND THE 2019 ANSA STATE CONVENTION**

Submit via e-mail to: gradconsultant@arknursingstudents.org

Section I - To Be Completed By Nominee

Type in Black

Name of Nominee: __

School Association Name: __

Title/Position: __

Phone: ______________________ E-mail: __

Mailing Address: __

City: ______________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

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

Please provide the following information as an attachment:

- 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.
Section II - To Be Completed By Nominating Student

Name of Nominating Student: __

E-mail: __

Phone: __

*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, typewritten 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 1, 2019

**INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**
**NOMINEES MUST ATTEND THE 2019 ANSA STATE CONVENTION**

Submit via e-mail to: gradconsultant@arknursingstudents.org

Section I- General Information

Type in Black

Name of Nominee: 

Phone Number: 

E-mail: 

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip:

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

Please provide the following information as an attachment:

- Provide 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.
**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 1, 2019**

**INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**NOMINEES MUST ATTEND THE 2019 ANSA STATE CONVENTION**

Submit via e-mail to: gradconsultant@arknursingstudents.org

**Section I - General Information**

Type in Black

Name: 

Phone Number: 

E-mail: 

Mailing Address: 

City: State: Zip: 

Marital Status: 

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:

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

Section III - Nursing Profession Essay

Provide a short essay (fewer than 100 words) describing to the 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, 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 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 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 a scholarship committee appointed by the ANSA Board of Directors will select the scholarship recipients and the decision made will be final.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

(Electronic Signature, including date and time, is acceptable)
BRIDGING THE GAP SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline September 1, 2019

**INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**
**NOMINEES MUST ATTEND THE 2019 ANSA STATE CONVENTION**

Submit via e-mail to: gradconsultant@arknursingstudents.org

Section I- General Information

Type in Black

Name of Nominee: __

Phone Number:

E-mail: __

Mailing Address:

City: 

State: 

Zip: __

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:

Please provide the following information as an attachment:

- Provide 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 two-page essay written by the nominee regarding his/her personal accomplishments, professional/educational goals, vision for the nursing profession, and those beliefs held relating to the importance of participation within a professional organization.