



DIVAS AND DONS 2022 NOMINATION APPLICATION

The *Institute for Nursing* invites you to honor a New Jersey nurse who makes an extraordinary impact on the nursing profession and the health community. The *Diva and Don* event offers the opportunity for you to nominate a professional registered nurse who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and been a positive influence on others. As an *Institute for Nursing* major fundraiser, proceeds will fund scholarships for nurses and nursing students advancing their education, as well as selected research.

Diva and Don Honorees may be engaged in nursing practice, administration, education, or research in diverse settings, such as acute and long-term care, public health, private industry, schools, community health and others.

Please help to honor extraordinary professional registered nurses who have conceived, developed, and/or implemented projects with positive and tangible results. Complete the attached nomination form and describe the nominee. Nurses selected as a *Diva or Don* will serve as an inspiration for continued excellence and innovation. **Nomination Deadline is November 1, 2021.**

Nominations will be considered, and selections made by the *Institute for Nursing*. The winners will be honored on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at the *Diva and Don Gala* to be held at Pines Manor, Edison, New Jersey.

To ensure that your organization's exemplary nominees have an opportunity to be considered, please complete the nomination application as soon as possible. **The deadline for applications is November 1, 2021.** Forward completed applications via email to the Debra L. Harwell, Deputy Director, Institute for Nursing, 1479 Pennington Road, Trenton, New Jersey 08618: deb@njsna.org



Diva/Don Guidelines for Nominations

General Eligibility:

1. Statement regarding how the nominator knows the nominee.
2. Statement summarizing why the nominee should be selected.
3. Describe the nominee's professional role.
4. Describe the nominee's most important contributions to nursing.
5. Evidence to document contributions to nursing
6. Identify other awards and distinctions.
7. Summary of significant professional positions held.
8. Provide a summary of educational credentials.

Categories for Nominations for the *Diva/Don Award* include Professional Registered Nurses who meet one of the following:

1. Administration

Nominees in this category will have demonstrated exceptional management of nursing and/or patient care services, such as:

- Demonstrated leadership expertise in the administration of nursing services.
- Developed and utilized a sound fiscal management program.
- Developed an effective nursing administrative system.
- Integrated a nursing theoretical framework into a nursing environment.
- Mentored and incorporated novice nurse administrators into an environment supportive of learning role responsibilities associated with emerging roles of nurse administrators.
- Implemented a nursing theoretical framework.

2. Advancing and Leading the Profession

Nominees in this category will have strengthened our profession in direct patient care, management, policy, or the various levels of teaching or research, such as:

- Recognized for their influence beyond their primary employment setting.
- Demonstrated leadership expertise in the nursing profession.

Advancing and Leading the Profession continued

- Committed to the development and implementation of practice standards through the ongoing acquisition, critical application and evaluation of relevant knowledge, attitudes, skills, and judgments.
- Applied competent and ethical nursing practice beyond their primary employment setting.
- Created an environment that enhances the image of nursing and nurses.
- Influenced leadership in nursing through visionary and innovative approaches.
- Received local, national, and/or international recognition as a nursing leader in education, practice, research, and/or administration.

3. Clinical Care

Nominees in this category will have demonstrated excellence in direct care delivery in any clinical setting.

- Created an environment fostering evidence based exemplary clinical practice.
- Demonstrated leadership expertise in the clinical care setting.
- Committed to the implementation of the Standards of Practice and Standards of Professional Performance.
- Applied competent and ethical nursing practice beyond their primary employment setting.

4. Community Service

Nominees in this category will have demonstrated significant professional and/or voluntary contributions in community-based setting or community outreach effort, such as:

- Provided nursing services based on the recognition and identification of patterns of response to actual or potential health problems.
- Demonstrated leadership expertise in a community service setting.
- Committed to the implementation of the Nursing Standards of Care and Nursing Standards of Professional Performance.

Community Service continued

- Demonstrated evidence of advocacy where communities were empowered to attain and maintain wellness.
- Applied clinical decision making that encompassed significant action taken by nurses in providing care to advance community health.
- Promoted and protected the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences based on evidence described.

5. Education

Nominees in this category will be nurse educators teaching at any level who have demonstrated significant contributions to curriculum development, teaching strategies or life-long learning of students and junior faculty, such as:

- Demonstrated excellence in teaching.
- Advanced the science of nursing through clarifying, refining, and/or expanding the knowledge base for nursing.
- Promoted a theory base for nursing curricula and nursing practice.
- Influenced scholarly development in nursing education, practice, and/or research through teaching.
- Influenced the professional practice of nursing and the public's image of nursing through excellence in teaching.

6. Government

Nominees in this category will have made significant contributions, and have made a difference to state, federal, legislative, and regulatory issues, such as:

- Demonstrated expertise in achieving a legislative goal positively impacting nursing and/or health care.
- Influenced the conceptualization, interpretation, and mobilization of support or enactment of significant legislation.
- Achieved the implementation of a public policy to advance the nursing profession.
- Generated a positive impact on state, federal and legislative and regulatory policy.

7. Mentoring

Nominees in this category will have provided a positive professional influence by guiding others in their professional development, networking and expanding career opportunities, such as:

- Demonstrated expertise in advancing the personal, professional, and educational growth of mentees.
- Demonstrated effective use of characteristics to facilitate a positive mentor-mentee relationship.
- Demonstrated advanced skills of communication, continued professional growth and the ability to be supportive.
- Shared resources freely for the growth and development of the individual.
- Maintained the mentoring relationship over time.

8. Research

Nominees in this category will be nurse researchers who have completed and published basic research which advances nursing, such as: Funded projects are evidence of excellence.

- Conducted distinguished nursing research.
- Published nursing research findings.
- Documents scholarly works related to nursing theory and/or nursing research.
- Procured funding resources for nursing research.
- Generated nursing research that further expands the case for nursing practice, education, administration, historical perspective, and ethics, for example.
- Incorporated novice nurse researchers in nursing research conducted.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. Your Selection:

- a. Choose a Nurse who exemplifies excellence in nursing.
- b. Gather as much information on the Nominee as possible to be thorough.
- c. Information entered in the nomination form and narrative section should be recent from within the past 5 years.

2. Nomination Form:

- a. All fields on the Nomination Form are mandatory.
- b. Once submitted, you will receive email confirmation that your nomination has been received.
- c. Resumes, published articles, copies of nominations for other awards such as hospital excellence awards will not be considered in lieu of the Nomination Form. (DO NOT SUBMIT)

3. Narrative Sections:

- a. We recommend you use a paragraph format bulleting information in guideline section.
- b. There is a maximum of 2 pages, doubled-spaced.
- c. Narrative Section (Give specific, detailed examples why you are nominating this individual based on the Categories below):
 - i. Administration - The Nurse who has demonstrated exception management of nursing and/or patient care services (see additional details in guidelines)
 - ii. Advancing and Leading the Profession - A nurse who has strengthened the profession in direct patient care, management, policy or the various levels of teaching or research (see additional details in guidelines).
 - iii. Clinical Care - A nurse who has demonstrated excellence in direct care deliver in any clinical setting (see additional details in guidelines).
 - iv. Community Service - A nurse who has demonstrated significant professional and/or voluntary contributions in community-based setting or community outreach effort (see additional details in guidelines).
 - v. Education - A nurse educator teaching at any level who have demonstrated significant contributions to curriculum development, teaching strategies or life-long learning of students and junior faculty (see additional details in guidelines).
 - vi. Government – a nurse who has made significant contributions and has made a difference to state, federal, legislative, and regulatory issues (see additional details in guidelines).
 - vii. Mentoring – a nurse who has provided a positive professional influence by guiding others in their professional development, networking and expanding career opportunities (see additional details in guidelines).
 - viii. Research – nurse researcher who has completed and published basic research which advances nursing (see additional details in guidelines).

4. Outstanding Sentence - If your nominee were chosen, in one sentence what makes this person an outstanding nurse?

NOMINATION FORM CHECK-OFF LIST

5. All fields on Nomination Form completed and legible

- Contact Information
- Phone Numbers
- Email Address

- Narrative in paragraph format
(Describes how the nominee has demonstrated outstanding achievements and how they have been a positive influence on others. The narrative should include evidence as to how the nominee embodies nursing excellence in the chosen award category with detailed, specific examples).

- Outstanding Sentence



Divas and Dons Nomination Form

1. Nominee Information

Role in Community: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

First Name: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Last Name: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Nominee's Credentials: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Nominee's Home Address: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

City State Zip Code
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Nominee's Phone Number: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Nominee's Email Address: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Nominee's Place of Employment: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Employment Address: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

City State Zip Code
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Nominee's Title: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Supervisor/Manager's Name: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Chief Nursing Officer's Name: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

2. CATEGORY (PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATELY)

- Administration
- Advancing and Leading the Profession
- Clinical Care
- Community Service
- Education
- Government
- Mentoring
- Research

3. **NOMINATOR INFORMATION** (*NOMINATED BY*)

First Name: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Last Name: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Nominator's Place of Employment: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Address: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

City State Zip Code
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Nominator's Phone Number: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Nominator's Email Address: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Relationship to Nominee: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

For how long: _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY)

Organizational/Agency/Foundation Support

Provide complete contact information for any institutions or groups that would financially support the nominee. Support may be in the form of purchasing tables for the event, advertisements in the Program Book, or any other support of the evening's events (flowers, awards, photographer).