

Guidelines and Criteria for Washington State School Nursing Advocate of the Year Award

Purpose

To publicly recognize a community member by annually honoring an individual who coordinates and advocates for quality school nursing services and health programs.

Eligibility

1. One (1) nominee from each Area per year.
2. May or may not be a member of SNOW.
3. Recipients of this award are individuals who have partnered with Washington school nurses to:
 - a. Improve the health and educational success of children and youth in the state of Washington
 - b. Advance the practice of school nursing in the state of Washington.
 - c. Promote school nurses as the leading experts in school communities regarding school health issues.

Procedure for Submission of Application

1. Nomination submissions must come in a flat 8 1/2 x 11" folder
2. Nomination folders should include:
 - a. SNOW School Nurse Advocate of the Year nomination form
 - b. Supporting letters for the nomination
 - i. Not to exceed 6 letters
 - ii. May be provided by nurses, principals, teachers, community members, etc.
 - iii. Letters should include areas from the rating form that writers wish to emphasize
 - iv. Acronyms must be spelled out with first time use
3. Submissions are due by April 1 and should be directed to the Public Relations Committee Chairperson.

Criteria for Selection

1. Demonstrates leadership toward improving the health and educational success of children in the state of Washington.
2. Demonstrates a commitment to advancing the practice of school nursing in Washington State.
3. Demonstrates an understanding of the importance of school nurses as the leading experts regarding school health issues.

SCHOOL NURSE ORGANIZATION OF WASHINGTON

SCHOOL NURSING ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD EVALUATION FORM

*** Contributions toward improving health and educational success of students in Washington State**

- 1. Demonstrates understanding of the link between student health and educational success. _____
- 2. Advocates for or initiates changes to improved student health. _____
- 3. Advocates for the allocation of resources toward improving student health. _____

Possible Points 12

Total Points _____

*** Contribution to the advancement of school nursing practice in Washington State**

- 1. Provides school nursing professional development opportunities. _____
- 2. Provides support for school nursing professional development _____

Possible points: 4

Total points: _____

*** Contribution to promoting school nurses as the leading experts in school health issues**

- 1. Publicly recognizes school nurses for their contribution to school health issues. _____
- 2. Provides school nurses with the opportunity to lead. _____
- 3. Publicly acknowledges school nurses as stakeholders regarding school health issues. _____

Possible points: 6

Total points: _____