

Guidelines and Criteria for Washington State New School Nurse of the Year Award

Purpose

To publicly recognize a School Nurse who is within the first 18 months of School Nursing practice who demonstrates excellence in practice and leadership in school health.

Eligibility

1. Nominee must:
 - a. Be a registered professional nurse
 - b. Be a current member of SNOW/NASN
 - c. Currently practice as a school nurse for 18 months or less
 - d. Spend more than 50% of work time providing direct care
 - e. Show evidence of excellence in school nursing practice based on NASN Framework for the 21st Century School Nursing Practice™.

Procedure for Submission of Application

1. Nominations should include:
 - a. Completed nomination form
 - b. Up to two supporting letters of recommendation (*letters may be provided by nurses, principals, teachers, community members, or anyone familiar with the nurse's practice*):
 - i. Letters should describe specific issues or topics related to the nominee's qualifications for the award using NASN's School Nursing Practice Framework™. <https://www.nasn.org/nasn-resources/framework>
 - ii. Letters should directly reflect areas of rating that writer wishes to emphasize
 - iii. Local and State acronyms must be spelled out when used for the first time.
 - c. Completed nomination packet and supporting documents must be submitted electronically to the Awards Chair listed on the SNOW webpage under Awards by March 1st for recognition at the Spring Conference.

Criteria for Selection- based on NASN Framework for the 21st Century School Nursing Practice™.

1. Facilitates normal development & positive student response to intervention
2. Provides leadership in promoting health and safety including a healthy environment (this may include legislative advocacy, research, and/or program management).
3. Provides quality health care & intervenes with actual & potential health problems
4. Uses clinical judgment in providing case management services
5. Actively collaborates with others to build student & family capacity for adaptation, self management, self advocacy & learning.

Selection and Award Procedures

1. Nominations must be received by the Awards Chair by March 1st..
2. The Awards Chair and the New School Nurse of the Year Committee will review and score the nomination.

3. Selection of the award recipient will be announced by the New School Nurse of the Year Committee before the annual SNOW Spring Conference.
4. The SNOW President will telephone the selected candidate for official notification.
5. The Awards Chair will present the award at the annual SNOW Spring Conference.
6. The Washington State New School Nurse of the Year will earn free registration to the SNOW Spring Conference and a recognition plaque.



New School Nurse of the Year Nomination Form

Instructions: Complete this form, attach supporting documents and submit to Awards Chair. **Must be electronically submitted by March 1st.**

Name and credentials: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Present Position: _____

Grade levels served in present position: _____

Number of students served: _____

Registered Nurse Yes No

Current member of NASN/SNOW Yes No

Currently working as a school nurse: Yes No

Provides direct care at least 50% of work time Yes No

Please describe the nominee's contribution in each of the following categories from the Criteria for Selection.

1. Facilitates normal development & positive student response to intervention

2. Provides leadership in promoting health and safety including a healthy environment (which may include legislative advocacy, research and/or program management)

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Nominated by: _____

The decision of the Committee is final and not open to appeal.



NEW SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD EVALUATION
 CRITERIA FOR SELECTION BASED ON SCHOOL NURSING SCOPE AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE (2022).

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50 points possible.	Total Points