

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

### Purpose

To publicly recognize and honor one School Nurse annually 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. Be a member of SNOW/NASN for the preceding two years
  - d. Has five years experience as a school nurse
  - e. Spend more than 50% of work time providing direct care
  - f. Show evidence of excellence in school nursing practice based on NASN Framework for the 21st Century School Nursing Practice™.
  - g. There is no limit to the number of times a school nurse can be nominated. Once the honor of “School Nurse of the Year” has been given to an individual, they may not be nominated again.

### 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 April 1st.

### 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 April 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 School Nurse of the Year Committee by May 1st..
4. The SNOW President will telephone the selected candidate for official notification.
5. The Awards Chair will present the award at the annual SNOW Fall Conference.
6. The Washington State School Nurse of the Year will also be recognized at the NASN annual conference the following June. SNOW will give the award recipient \$500 toward attending the NASN Conference.



## School Nurse of the Year Nomination Form

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

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**4. Uses clinical judgment in providing case management services**

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**5. Actively collaborates with others to build student & family capacity for adaptation, self management, self advocacy & learning.**

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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