

Society of Pediatric Nurses
Call for Awards
2012



SPN presents six prestigious awards recognizing excellence in pediatric nursing. The Awards are presented to individuals or groups who have demonstrated excellence in the categories described. To apply or nominate someone for one of the Awards, prepare a nomination packet as directed and submit by **February 10, 2012**. To help expedite the award process, be certain that all supporting information is included in the nomination package. All nominations are reviewed and winners selected by the SPN Awards Task Force.

- Nomination of self or colleague is equally acceptable.
- Nominees must be SPN members.
- All awards will be presented at the 2012 SPN Annual Conference.
- Recipients receive a wall plaque, recognition at the annual conference, and recognition in SPN publications.
- All forms must be submitted electronically and received by the SPN National Office **no later than February 10, 2012**.

A completed application packet includes the following:

- Application form
- Narrative nomination statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- A copy of nominee's curriculum vitae (CV) or resume.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact the SPN National Office.

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Excellence in Advanced Practice Award

This Award recognizes an advanced practice nurse who has made a significant contribution to the care of children and their families through excellence in advanced practice nursing. Nominee must possess a graduate degree in nursing and demonstrate evidence of expert clinical skills while participating in scholarly activities such as publication, research, education, presentations, mentoring, and child advocacy.

Excellence in Clinical Practice Award

The Excellence in Clinical Practice Award recognizes a staff nurse who has made a significant contribution to the care of children and their families. Nominee must demonstrate evidence of outstanding professional clinical performance with a focus on continued improvements in the care of children and families through direct care, mentoring, and child advocacy activities. The nominee must be directly involved in the nursing care of children and their families.

Excellence in Education Award

The Excellence in Education Award recognizes a nurse who has made a significant contribution to pediatric nursing as an educator. Nominees may be in academic, clinical and/or patient education settings. Nominees will have demonstrated the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative teaching methods to educate target populations producing identifiable, positive outcomes.

Excellence in Nursing Research Award

The Excellence in Nursing Research Award recognizes a nurse who has made a significant contribution to the well being and health care of children and their families through active participation in a program of nursing research. Nominee will have conducted research independently and/or in collaboration with other disciplines and will have contributed to evidence-based practice. The nominee will have measurable outcomes and demonstrated evidence of the impact of his/her research on clinical practice.

Excellence in Clinical Scholarship Award

The Excellence in Clinical Scholarship Award recognizes a hospital, unit, group or agency that has contributed significantly to the well-being and health care of children and their families through the consistent application of scholarship in clinical practice. This may take the form of a research project, identified outcomes from a clinical project, selected quality improvement outcomes, or some other means of illustrating clinical scholarship.

New Researcher Award of Excellence

The New Researcher Award of Excellence recognizes a novice nurse researcher who has recently completed (within the past two years) an outstanding research study and who has excellent potential to develop and implement a program of research that contributes to the well being and health care of children and their families.

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Application Form

STEP I..... Select an Award

Choose an award. We cannot accept nomination forms with more than one award checked. See back page for descriptions of each award.

- Excellence in Advanced Practice Award
- Excellence in Clinical Practice Award
- Excellence in Education Award
- Excellence in Nursing Research Award
- Excellence in Clinical Scholarship Award
- New Researcher Award of Excellence

Step II..... Provide Contact Information

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Credentials: _____

Nominee's Title: _____

Nominee's Institution _____

Department _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Address for Correspondence. Check here if same as above _____

Nominator's Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Nominator's E-mail address: _____

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Step IIIPrepare a Narrative Nomination Statement

The narrative nomination statement describes how the nominee qualifies for the Award for which he/she is nominated. The statement includes responses to three general questions (Part A) and to two questions specific to the nominee’s area of expertise (Part B)

A. General Questions

- Describe how the nominee has helped improve the health and well-being of children and their families (100 words or less)
- Describe how the nominee has mentored other healthcare professionals (interdisciplinary). (100 words or less)
- Describe how the nominee has advanced the professional image of nursing. (100 words or less)

B. Content Specific Questions

Provide two examples of specific applications of the nominee’s expertise/contributions in clinical practice, education, or research as specified below:

- Excellence in Advanced Practice Award—CLINICAL PRACTICE
- Excellence in Clinical Practice—CLINICAL PRACTICE
- Excellence in Education--EDUCATION
- Excellence in Nursing Research Award--RESEARCH
- Excellence in Clinical Scholarship Award—CLINICAL PRACTICE
- New Researcher Award of Excellence--RESEARCH

For example, for the Excellence in Education Award, provide two examples of how the nominee has contributed his/her expertise specifically to pediatric nursing education or patient/family education.

Step IVSubmit your Nomination Packet

The complete nomination packet should be submitted electronically **no later than February 10, 2012**. Nominees and nominators will be notified of the Awards Task Force’s decision by February 29, 2012. Submissions should be sent to:

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