



Nursing Excellence Awards Nomination FAQ

Nomination Deadline: October 30, 2023

*The awards celebration will be held on
Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Sandia Resort & Casino*



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Each essay question provides further detail about what judges are looking for and how much weight each question carries.

How to Nominate a Nurse

1. Award nominations are submitted online through a Google Form at our website. All nomination forms and awards criteria can be found at: nmnursingexcellence.org/nomination-categories. We recommend using the nomination criteria as a way to help organize thoughts and prepare to write the best nomination possible.
2. Completely answer all the questions on the form to the best of your ability. Please note you must complete all required sections, separate resumes will not be accepted.
3. The form presents a series of questions organized into sections. Section 1) Nominee and Nominator contact information. Section 2) Nominee Biography. Section 3) Nomination Essay Questions. Please use the essay questions to tell us why you think the nominee is deserving of the award.
4. The completed online nomination form and payment must be received by October 30, 2023. An invoice will be sent to the individual or organization provided in the nomination form. Please note that payment will need to be received by the deadline in order to be considered. Excluding the "Touch of Life" Award, nomination fees are \$100 per nomination.
5. If you have questions, please email us at admin@nmcne.org or call (505) 565-5811.

The Selection Process

Competition for the New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards strives to be fair. The selection of the New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards honorees is accomplished through a blind review of nominations, each rated by 2 or more reviewers. All essays are blinded and each criterion is rated on a scale. An average score is reached for each nominee. The top scoring nominee is selected as the award recipient in that category. In the event of a tie, an additional reviewer scores the nomination and it may then go to the NMCNE Executive Committee for final selection.

The identity of honorees is not known to the Awards Selection Committee or to any of the individual nomination reviewers until officially announced during the Awards Celebration on April 6, 2024.

The Awards Selection Committee reserves the right to transfer a nomination to a different category if it is decided that category would be more appropriate given the information submitted about the nominee.

Help is Available

If you have never nominated someone before or would like to ensure your nomination is as effective as possible, we encourage you to read and refer to our Tips for Completing a Successful Nomination, which can be found on our website at nmnursingexcellence.org/tips-for-nea-nomination or contact us at admin@nmcne.org or by phone (505) 565-5811.

FAQs

Q: What are the basic qualifications for nominees?

A: A nominee's primary nurse employment must be in New Mexico for at least one (1) year, and the nominee must have a nursing license in good standing.

Q: Is there a nomination fee?

A: Yes. The fee for each nomination is \$100 (excluding the "Touch A Life" Award). Nominees receive a complimentary ticket for their entry to the gala and dinner. NOTE: A limited number of scholarships may be available for individuals who need help with the fee. To be considered for a scholarship, please contact us directly before submitting a nomination and let us know why you are needing a scholarship.

Q: When are nominations due?

A: The deadline to submit your nomination(s) and fees is October 30, 2023. Nominations and payment must be received by the deadline to be considered for an award.

Q: When will the awards be presented?

A: The New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards Gala is Saturday, April 6, 2024 at the Sandia Resort & Casino. The awards celebration includes a cocktail reception (cash bar), a silent auction, dinner and the awards presentation.

Q: How much do tickets to Awards Gala cost?

A: Each qualified nominee will receive one complimentary (free) ticket to attend the awards ceremony. Additional tickets for friends, family and coworkers can be purchased for \$125 each.

To reserve your tickets, visit our website at nmnursingexcellence.org, or call (505) 565-5811. Payments by check, VISA or MasterCard are accepted.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Excellence in Practice Awards

- Advanced Practice
- Ambulatory Nursing
- Behavioral Health
- Case/Quality Management/
Managed Care/Informatics/
Infection Prevention
- Critical Care
- Emergency Nursing
- Home Health and Hospice
- Long-Term Care/Rehabilitation
- Maternity/Women's Health
- Medical/Surgical
- Pediatrics
- Perioperative
- Public Health/Community

Leadership in Nursing Awards

- Emerging Nurse Leader
- Nursing Leadership
- Nurse Executive Leadership
- Education/Research/Academia
Award
- Rural Practice Award
- Community Service Award
- Nightingale Award
- Distinguished Nurse of the Year
Award
- "Touch A Life" Award