



2025 NWONL Rising Leader Award

NWONL Awards honor nurse leader members and is a privilege to give and receive. Awards are based on the foundations of the organization's purpose, vision and commitment to the advancement, collaboration, and engagement of nursing leaders.

Award Description

The NWONL Rising Leader Award recognizes a newer nurse leader who is making a significant contribution to the nursing profession and nursing leadership. They demonstrate innovation with measurable outcomes that have made a positive impact in their workplace.

Demonstrated contributions to the nursing profession examples could include:

- Innovative programs or performance improvement work with demonstrated outcomes.
- Engagement with NWONL activities (i.e. Council meeting attendance, Mentor Program, Conference attendance, monthly NWONL education sessions).
- Contributions to the nursing profession, patient care and/or the local community.

Award Guidelines

- The nominee must have at least 6 months experience and less than 5 years in a nursing leadership role.
- Anyone can nominate, however the awardee will be a current NWONL member.

Instructions For Completion

- Nominee to provide a letter of nomination, 300-500 words.
- Email PDF document(s) to admin@nwonl.org
- Due date: 03/31/2025.

Suggestions for making an impactful letter of nomination:

Be succinct and share specific examples/exemplars/stories.

1. Opening Statement

- a. Start with a clear, direct and specific statement of why the nominee deserves recognition.
- b. Provide enough information for the panel of judges to get to know the person you are recommending.
- c. Include enough information to show what specific challenges were faced, actions taken or results that were achieved.

2. Supporting Statements

- a. Support your opening statements with specific examples that elaborate on why the nominee's accomplishments are worthy of the award.
- b. What challenges did they overcome?
- c. How did they do it? Describe their initiative and leadership style that they demonstrated.
- d. Describe how they led their team with creativity and innovation.
- e. What did they accomplish?

3. Closing Statement

- a. Describe how others regard the nominee. For example, are they a subject matter expert, progressive leader, etc.
- b. Include NWONL activities they have participated in.



Required Information

Who is Nominating:

Nominated By

Employer/Organization

Email

Contact Phone

Who is the Nominee:

Name of Nominee

Professional Credentials (RN, etc.)

Job Title

Employer/Organization

Email

Contact Phone

Email Address

****Please confirm that the individual that you are nominating is a NWONL member. If you would like to sponsor them with a membership, please email admin@nwonl.org and we are happy to assist.**