



2021 Annual Awards Criteria & Application Deadline

About the Awards:

Annually, the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) recognizes individuals who make significant contributions to the nursing profession and the KNA. The KNA awards are prestigious and an honor to receive. The awards, given at the organization's annual business meeting, include **Nurse of the Year**, **Nurse Researcher of the Year**, **Student Nurse of the Year**, **Volunteer of the Year** and **Citizen of the Year**. Winners will receive commemorative awards and are publicized via KNA publications and on its social media channels.

Nurse of the Year:

This award is intended to honor a member of the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) who has made an unusual and significant contribution to nursing and the KNA. Criteria include:

- KNA membership;
- Sustained commitment to the mission, vision and strategies of the KNA;
- Evidence of measurable contribution to the KNA;
- Evidence that individual's leadership has motivated other members to become engaged in the work of KNA and the field of nursing education, population health, healthcare/ wellness practice or leadership and
- May submit a resume/CV or other documentation to substantiate the narrative.

Nurse Researcher of the Year:

This award is intended to honor a member of the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) who has made an unusual and significant contribution to KNA. Criteria include:

- KNA membership;
- Sustained commitment to the mission, vision and strategies of the KNA;
- Evidence of measurable contribution to the KNA;
- Evidence that individual's research project(s) has motivated other members to become engaged in the work of KNA and the field of nursing education, population health, clinical practice or leadership and
- May submit a resume/CV or other documentation to substantiate the narrative.

Citizen of the Year:

This award is meant to honor a non-nurse who has made a significant contribution to the nursing profession in Kentucky, or to KNA. Criteria include:



- Any individual who is a public or private citizen of the Commonwealth;
- Significant contribution to the advancement of the nursing profession within the Commonwealth;
- Measurable contribution to the growth and/or sustainability to the KNA and/or the field of nursing education, population health, clinical practice or leadership and
- May submit a resume/CV or other documentation to substantiate the narrative.

Student Nurse of the Year:

- KNA Student Subscriber membership;
- Sustained commitment to the mission, vision and strategies of the KNA;
- Significant contribution to college/university student nursing program via leadership, collegiate relationship building or other recognized activity that exemplifies learning excellence and
- Measurable commitment to the growth and sustainability to the KNA Student Subscriber Program.

Volunteer of the Year:

This award is meant to honor a nurse or non-nurse who has made a significant contribution to the nursing profession in Kentucky or to KNA. Criteria include:

- Any individual who is a public or private citizen of the Commonwealth;
- Sustained commitment to the mission, vision and strategies of the KNA;
- Significant contribution to the advancement of the nursing profession within the Commonwealth;
- Measurable contribution to the growth and sustainability to the KNA and the field of nursing education, population health, clinical practice or leadership and
- May submit a resume/CV or other documentation to substantiate the narrative.

Process:

Each of the awards shall be given to individuals who meet the criteria above, as determined by the KNA Board of Directors.

Every July preceding the annual conference or summit, the chief executive officer shall request nominations for each award be submitted to the Membership Committee for review and recommendation to the KNA Board of Directors.

The awardee selections made by the board shall not be made public until the awards are bestowed during the annual conference/summit business meeting.

Questions:

Contact the Kentucky Nurses Association at 502-245-2843 or email admin@kentucky-nurses.org

Application Deadline & Forms:

Visit Kentucky-nurses.org to access KNA Award Application forms. *The deadline for award applications is Wednesday, September 15, 2021.*