



# NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS CRITERIA

## **ADMINISTRATIVE NURSE OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** To recognize excellence on clinical practice.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Current full membership in NBNA
- Current employment as an upper /middle manager or administrator
- Must have been employed in current position at least two (2) years prior to nomination
- Is employed by a health care institution or agency
- Patient advocate
- Mentor and role model for other nurses
- Must be a registered nurse
- Must not be a current Board member
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application

## **ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** To recognize excellence in the clinical area at the advanced practice level.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Current full membership in NBNA
- Masters or Doctoral prepared
- Currently working in their clinical area of expertise
- Is employed by a health care institution or agency
- Promotes professionalism in nursing practice by serving as a:
  - Facilitator of the healing process (utilizing the nursing process)
  - Patient advocate
  - Mentor and role model for other nurses
- Demonstrate quality of care within her/his practice setting
- Must not be a current Board member
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application.

## **NURSE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** To recognize outstanding contribution to professional and/or patient education.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Current full membership in NBNA
- Outstanding achievement in the education of professionals or patients
- Current employment with responsibility for education
- Evidence of sharing educational expertise through presentations at **NBNA** meetings or publications in journals
- Must not be a current Board member
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application

## **NURSE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** To recognize a successful business owner.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Current full membership in NBNA
- Successful business owner within the realm of health care
- Promotes NBNA initiatives
- Must not be a current Board member
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application

## **NURSE OF THE YEAR FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Purpose:** To recognize outstanding and exemplary community service.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Current full membership in NBNA
- Several years of active participation at local, regional, and national levels
- All nurses with license to practice (RN, LPN, LVN)
- Must not be a current Board member
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application

## **NURSE RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** To recognize a nurse researcher who has completed 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 minorities.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Current full membership in NBNA
- Must be a Masters or Doctoral prepared nurse researcher
- Must have assumed primary responsibility for conceptualization, design, and conduct of the completed study
- Completed study must have focused on psychological, physiologic, or methodological areas relevant to the care of minorities
- Must not be a current Board member
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application

## **STAFF NURSE OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** To recognize excellence in clinical practice.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Current full membership in NBNA
- Current employment as a staff nurse and employed in a staff nurse capacity at least two (2) years prior to nomination. Staff nurse is defined as one who is non-supervisory, non-managerial, and includes one of the following:
  - Is employed by a health care institution or agency
  - Primary role is a provider of direct patient care
- Promotes professionalism in nursing practice by serving as a:
  - Facilitator of the healing process (utilizing the nursing process)
  - Patient advocate
  - Mentor and role model for other nurses
- Demonstrate quality of care within her/his practice setting.
- All nurses with license to practice (RN, LPN, LVN)
- Must not be a current Board member
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application

## **STUDENT NURSE OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** To recognize a student nurse for his/her achievements.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Current full membership in NBNA
- Member of NBNA for a minimum of two (2) years
- Must have 3.0 GPA
- Enrolled in an accredited SON and currently taking nursing courses
- Applicant must provide written documentation of career education goals to include:
  - Name of institution
  - Documentation of active participation in local chapter
  - Active in community service and other extracurricular activities
  - Must not be a current Board member
  - Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application

## **UNIFORMED SERVICES NURSE OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** To recognize excellence in leadership within the Uniformed Services.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Current full membership in NBNA
- Current active member in the Uniformed Services\*
- Must be a graduate of an accredited nursing program
- Patient advocate
- Mentor and role model for other Uniformed Services nurses
- Outstanding achievement in the Armed Forces, i.e., leadership accomplishments
- Must be an RN or LPN
- Must not be a current Board member
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application
- Two letters of recommendations
- Uniformed Services Biography/CV
- Annual evaluations for the last three (3) years
- Kindly provide additional information, which might be helpful to the Awards Committee in its review of your application, i.e., copies of news releases, awards, certificates, publications, research activities, contributions to the Uniformed Services Community, etc.

\*Uniformed Services of the United States consist of the five (5) Armed Forces branches (Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines); U.S. Public Health Services (under the Department of Health & Human Services); and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (under the Department of Commerce).

## **OUTSTANDING LICENSED PRACTICAL / VOCATIONAL NURSE OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** To recognize an LPN/LVN who has demonstrated excellence in clinical practice, leadership, and service.

**Award:** Plaque

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Current member of NBNA and a member of a local chapter or direct member
  - Current employment as and LPN or LVN
  - Must have been in current position a minimum of 2 years prior to nomination
  - Is employed by a health care institution or agency
  - Patient advocate
  - Active involvement in NBNA or local chapter
  - Must not be a current Board Member
  - Mentor and role model for other LPNs/LVNs and nursing students
  - Must not have held a Board position (2) years prior to date of application
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### **General Instructions**

Follow all instructions for preparation and submission of your application. The following is required for submission:

1. A completed typed or printed application form.
2. Two letters of recommendation
  - One letter from a NBNA member, or leader (past or present) who can validate the information in your application, and your qualifications for the award you are applying for.
  - The second letter can be from a teacher, work supervisor, pastor, executive director of community-based organization, etc.
3. A one-page biosketch
4. A copy of your current resume or CV
5. Personal career statement (Two-page max)
6. Current high-resolution photo

### **Application Submission Instructions**

Applications and supporting materials will **ONLY** be accepted electronically.

Assemble the following materials and save as **one pdf file** with this file name FORMAT: (Your Last name – Award Application), **Ex – Jones-Award Application**

1. Completed typed or printed application form
2. Letters of recommendation
3. Biosketch
4. Resume or CV
5. Personal career statement

Submit the **pdf file** via email using the same file name in the Subject to: [admin@nbna.org](mailto:admin@nbna.org). Submit your high-resolution head shot photo to the same email address.

**NOTE:** APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY.  
ATTACHMENT OF THE CV ONLY DOES NOT FULFILL THIS  
REQUIREMENT AND WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.

**RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION AS INDICATED ABOVE MUST BE RECEIVED VIA EMAIL BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS AT 5:00 PM (EST) ON OR BEFORE MAY 15, 2023**

**QUESTIONS**

Please direct all questions about the award application process directly to Dr. Angelo Moore, Chair of the NBNA Scholarship and Awards Committee, via email at [moore.angelo@yahoo.com](mailto:moore.angelo@yahoo.com).

Information needed for the NBNA Final Conference Program Book:

**If selected, the typed information below is how your name, credentials and work information will appear in the final conference program book.**

Full Name and Credentials: *(if any)*

Current position title:

Place of employment:

Full Chapter Name:

City, State:

**Example:**

Full Name and Credentials:	Anthony Jones, PhD, RN
Current position title:	Director of Nursing
Place of employment:	Jefferson Memorial Hospital
Full Chapter Name:	Member, Capitol City National Black Nurses Association Chapter
City, State	Sacramento, CA

**ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE:**

NBNA prefers and encourages the presence of all award recipients at the national conference to receive their honors in person; however, travel funds are not available.