2015 NURSE RECOGNITION AWARDS
Honor a Wyoming Nurse

Plan to nominate a nursing colleague for an award from Wyoming Nurses Association. There is no easier way to bring the honor that they deserve. We want to recognize and celebrate nurses from all across Wyoming.

*Award nominations are due to the WNA office by August 1, 2015.*

The award committee will be reviewing nominations in August and award winners will be notified no later than by September 4th. The celebration and presenting of awards will be held on Friday, September 25 in Casper at the award luncheon held in conjunction with the Nursing Summit and WNA Convention.

**Awards will be given in the following categories:**

**Honoring “15 in 15” Emerging Nurse Leaders**

Do you know a nurse who is an emerging leader with a unique drive and potential to make an impact? Someone poised to become - or is already - a leader? Consider nominating them for this year’s Rising Leaders Recognition Program.

This year’s theme - 15 in ’15 - aims to spotlight 15 aspiring nurses for their skills today, and promise for tomorrow. The purpose is intended to celebrate and encourage exemplar dedication to the nursing profession, dedicated service to the population and promise to grow in leadership for the advancement of nursing in Wyoming.

Award winners will be highlighted in a special feature in the December issue of the Wyoming Nurse. All 15 award winners whom are selected, will need to submit a headshot (for marketing purposes) by September 15th.

In addition each of the 15 award winners will receive a free registration to the Nursing Summit and Convention held September 24-25, 2015 at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper, Wyoming.

**Criteria to Include:**

1. Currently licensed as RN in the state of Wyoming.
2. Significantly or uniquely contributes to leadership within the nursing profession through clinical practice, education and teaching, administrative leadership, research, writing, publishing, policy involvement, and/or healthcare innovation.
3. Demonstrates leadership in community affairs, nursing professional organizations, and in growth and development of others in these areas.
4. Positively promotes and advances the nursing profession in the community (local/global) through volunteerism/outreach efforts, legislative work, and policy development.

**Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice Award – Criteria to Include:**

1. Develops and delivers innovative and applicable approaches to enhance direct patient care in the clinical arena of nursing.
2. Practices at least 20% of work in a direct patient care setting.
3. Exemplifies behaviors reflecting the caring attitudes of nursing.
4. Demonstrates proficiency in the skills and techniques required by his/her clinical area.
5. Devotes time and energy towards delivering quality patient care within the clinical arena.
6. Serves as a role model for other nurses within the clinical arena.
7. Impacts the quality of patient care delivery and/or the response of patients to care they receive.
8. Licensed as a RN in Wyoming: (WNA Membership is NOT required.)
Community Service/Health Promotion Award – Criteria to Include:
1. Active in development/delivery of community/patient education.
2. Provides service to health care consumers.
3. Develops and/or delivers health promotion, health prevention or risk reduction program to the community.
4. Demonstrates an impact on community or target populations.
5. Active in recognized volunteer health organizations (March of Dimes, AHA, etc.)
6. Demonstrates innovative approaches toward community health programs.
7. Facilitates collaborative efforts with other health team members.
8. Contributes to the promotion of wellness within a community.
9. Licensed as an RN in Wyoming: (WNA Membership is NOT required.)

Outstanding Service to WNA Award – Criteria to Include:
1. Holds current WNA memberships.
2. Participates at district, state or national level by serving on committees or as an officer.
3. Demonstrates involvement in promotion/recruitment efforts for WNA.
4. Enhances the image of WNA.
5. Exemplifies professionalism in nursing.
6. Demonstrates a commitment of time, energy and dedication to WNA's Purpose.
7. Recognizes the rurality of Wyoming and addresses specific needs of the organization statewide.
8. Licensed as an RN in Wyoming.
9. This award is not intended for the outgoing president of WNA

Leadership in Nursing Award – Criteria to Include:
1. Participates in professional nursing organizations.
2. Contributes to the advancement of nursing.
3. Demonstrates creativity/management skills.
4. Serves as an articulate spokesperson for promotion of nursing.
5. Performs as a change agent or develops innovative approaches to further nursing practice.
6. Encourages recruitment/retention of qualified nurses into the nursing profession.
7. Demonstrates ongoing commitment to the lifelong nature of nursing education through continuing education, publications, research, presentations, or advanced education.
8. Collaborates with the legislative/political processes related to nursing.
9. Commits time, effort, and energy toward the profession of nursing.
10. Licensed as a RN in Wyoming.
11. Holds current WNA Membership

Lifetime Achievement Award
A nomination to recognize a nurse for lifetime achievement will also be solicited and may be awarded annually to a candidate under the following criteria:
1. Long career as a nurse in Wyoming,
2. Has shown commitment and dedication to the profession of Nursing
3. Has been an innovator and developed programs, served on boards and committees to advance the practice of nursing and health care in Wyoming.
4. Provides support, mentoring and role modeling for other nurses.
5. Exemplifies the role of a nurse by exhibiting caring and professionalism.
AWARD NOMINATION FORM
Deadline: August 1, 2015

I nominate: (Please print or type)

Name:____________________________________________________________________________________________
  Last                   First                   MI

Address:___________________________________________________________________________________________
  Street/P.O. Box         City         State         ZIP

Title/Credentials:_______________________________________   Place of Employment:__________________________

Email:__________________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: Home_____________________________________

Licensed in WY:   Yes    No

Wyoming Nurses Association Membership:   Yes    No

Please circle the Nurse Recognition Award you are nominating this person for:
[ ] “15 in 15” Emerging Nurse Leader Award
[ ] Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing
[ ] Community Service/Health Promotion
[ ] Outstanding Service to WNA
[ ] Leadership in Nursing
[ ] Lifetime Achievement Award

Attached a letter(s) of nomination that describes the attributes you feel the nominee exhibits that qualifies he/she for this Award.
Please refer to specific criteria that are outline for the specific Award and cite examples.

Nominator:

Name:____________________________________________________________________________________________
  Last                   First                   MI

Address:___________________________________________________________________________________________
  Street/P.O. Box         City         State         ZIP

Email:__________________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: Home_____________________________________

Nominations due by August 1, 2015 by email or mail to
Wyoming Nurses Association
301 Thelma Drive #200, Casper, Wyoming  82609
Email: tobilyon@wyonurse.org
Phone: 307-462-2600
Previous Award Winners

2000
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Mariah Perkins, Powell
Community Service/Health Promotion: Diana Esteve, Laramie
Leadership In Nursing: Aline Fiedor, Cheyenne

2001
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Rosalinda Meza, Powell
Community Service/Health Promotion: Sue Hume, Cheyenne
Leadership In Nursing: Cheryl Koski, Cheyenne
Outstanding Service to WNA: Beverly McDermott, Laramie

2002
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Janet Spomer, Powell
Community Service/Health Promotion: Zelma McMullen, Cheyenne
Leadership In Nursing: Marlene Ethier, Rock Springs
Outstanding Service to WNA: Linda Mink, Rock Springs

2003
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Noreen “Lynnae” Seeley, Powell
Community Service/Health Promotion: Mary Kraft, Evanston
Leadership In Nursing: Hannah Health, Gillette
Outstanding Service to WNA: Ronda Eagleson, Cheyenne

2004
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Karolyn Rood, Powell
Community Service/Health Promotion: Laura Wright, Cheyenne
Leadership In Nursing: Faith Jones, Powell

2005
Leadership In Nursing: Cheryl Wrasper, Casper

2006
Leadership In Nursing: Mary Kay Goetter, Cheyenne

2007
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Marcella Wright, Bosler
Community Service/Health Promotion: Cathy Blanchard, Cody
Leadership In Nursing: Robin Roling, Powell
Outstanding Service to WNA: Krista Blough, Powell 2008
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Nancy Gallinger, Lander
Community Service/Health Promotion: Denise Schuler, Powell
Leadership In Nursing: Maria Kidner, Cheyenne
District 1 Nurse of the Year: Paula Belknap, Cheyenne
District 16 Nurse of the Year: Lisa Horton, Otto

2009
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Phyllis O’Connor, Cheyenne
Community Service/Health Promotion: Tia Hansuld, Casper
Leadership In Nursing: Christina Brewer, Powell
Outstanding Service to WNA: Veronica Taylor, Gillette
District 10 Nurse of the Year: Ginger Costin, Gillette
District 12 Nurse of the Year: Rebecca Carron, Laramie
District 16 Nurse of the Year: Jennifer Jones, Powell

2010
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Nicole Rooney, Laramie
Community Service/Health Promotion: Carrie Deselms, Albin
Leadership In Nursing: Mary Burman, Laramie
Outstanding Service to WNA: Sue Howard, Deselms, Albin
Pioneer in Nursing: Marian Gruenfelder, Laramie
District 1 Nurse of the Year: Paula Belknap, Cheyenne
District 6 Nurse of the Year: Karlena Sheehan, Rock Springs
District 10 Nurse of the Year: Rose Rennell, Gillette
District 12 Nurse of the Year: Norma Wilkerson, Laramie
District 16 Nurse of the Year: Celia Solis, Powell
District 50 Nurse of the Year: Judy Dixon, Rawlins

2011
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Jason L. Jones, Rock Springs
Community Service and Health Promotion: Penelope Caldwell, Laramie
Leadership in Nursing: Maria C. Kidner, Cheyenne
Outstanding Service to WNA: Jeanine Niemoller, Laramie
Pioneer in Nursing: Marian Gruenfelder, Laramie
District 1 Nurse of the Year: Jan Beeken, Cheyenne
District 6 Nurse of the Year: Patty O’Lexey, Rock Springs
District 10 Nurse of the Year: Anne Raga, Gillette
District 12 Nurse of the Year: Elizabeth Huffsmith, Laramie
District 50 Nurse of the Year: Barbara Clegg, Rawlins

2012
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Leslie Comly, Laramie
Community Service and Health Promotion: Barbara Jean James, Rawlins
Leadership in Nursing: Anne Raga, Gillette
Outstanding Leadership for WNA: Faith Jones, Powell
Pioneer in Nursing: Marian Gruenfelder, Laramie
District 2 Nurse of the Year: Jolene Kauss, Casper
District 12 Nurse of the Year: Caitlin Vasquez, Laramie
District 50 Nurse of the Year: Barbara Jean James, Rawlins

2013
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Patti Legler, Casper
Community Service and Health Promotion: Lynn Rogers, Kemmerer
Leadership in Nursing: Vickie Winney, Douglas
Outstanding Service to WNA: Kathy Luzmoor, Rock Springs
Lifetime Achievement: Norma Wilkerson, Laramie
District 1 Nurse of the Year: Shirley Evans, Cheyenne
District 2 Nurse of the Year: Cheryl Wrasper, Casper
District 6 Nurse of the Year: Kristy Nelson, Rock Springs
District 10 Nurse of the Year: Ramona Bushor, Gillette
District 12 Nurse of the Year: Jeanie Niemoller, Laramie
District 16 Nurse of the Year: Jamie Anthony-Mathews, Powell
District 17 Nurse of the Year: Tammy Krell, Kemmerer
District 50 Nurse of the Year: Lynn Kirkman, Jackson

2014
Excellence in Clinical/Practice of Nursing: Natalie Tucker, Gillette
Community Service and Health Promotion: Trinia Soper, Casper
Leadership in Nursing: Veronica Taylor, Gillette
Pioneer in Nursing: Marian Gruenfelder, Laramie
District 1 Nurse of the Year: Florence Vance, Cheyenne
District 3 Nurse of the Year: Sharia Duncan, Sheridan
District 6 Nurse of the Year: Jean Brunz, Rock Springs
District 10 Nurse of the Year: Alicia LePard, Gillette
District 12 Nurse of the Year: Ann Marie Hart, Laramie