

AORN Chapter Excellence and Individual Achievement Awards Program for 2016

Program Purpose

Promote excellence in perioperative nursing through recognition of individual members and groups (i.e. chapters, specialty assemblies and state councils) who have demonstrated excellence.

Chapter Excellence Awards

The Chapter Excellence Awards is an opportunity to showcase your chapter's valuable contributions to the field of perioperative nursing.

Application

The Chapter Excellence Awards application contains guidelines, submission instructions, and other pertinent information on the application web page. **The application will be available the end of June 2015.**

The Membership Committee will review all chapter award submissions that meet the requirements; incomplete submissions will not be considered. Selecting recipients of the awards will depend on the number of submissions and scores. Chapter Excellence Award recipients will be announced at the 2016 AORN Surgical Conference & Expo; recipients will NOT be notified prior to the conference.

Size Categories

- Small (0-50 members)
- Medium (51-150 members)
- Intermediate (151-300 members)
- Large (301+ members)

Points to remember

- Chapter Excellence Awards application and detailed instructions may be obtained online.
- Fiscal year for all chapters will be June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015. Use your chapter's fiscal year as near to this timeframe as possible.
- All submissions received will be held confidential.
- A new award application must be completed and submitted each year. No award submissions will be kept on file for consideration in subsequent years.
- Applications must be typed; handwritten applications will not be accepted.



Judging Criteria

Chapter submissions will be judged using criteria such as, but not limited to:

1. Overall Completeness and Clarity of Application
 - Chapter information
 - Chapter profile
 - Presentation content
2. Description of Presentation Content – measurable goals
 - Concise summary of selected content options
 - Goals and objectives of presentation content
 - Impact/outcomes of presentation content
3. Content Support – digital materials
 - Adequately supports the essay portions of the application
 - Presented in a creative format suitable to the nature of the entry
 - PowerPoint slides are neat, concise, and easily readable

Awards Recognition

In each size category (small, medium, intermediate, large), chapters with first, second, and third place scores will receive Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards respectively. The top scoring Gold chapter will be selected as Chapter of the Year, representing the best submission among all size categories. A chapter may only be the recipient of the Chapter of the Year award every three years, while chapters may be selected for the chapter excellence awards consecutively.

The submission deadline is Friday, December 18, 2015.

Individual Achievement Awards

In addition to recognizing Chapter excellence, consider nominating one of your colleagues for an individual achievement award. These awards honor individuals with notable accomplishments in the areas of education, research, clinical nursing practice, management, evidence-based practice, mentorship, promising professional and volunteerism. The highest honor bestowed by AORN, the Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing, recognizes an individual whose accomplishments in practice, education, and research reflect the goals of excellence in perioperative patient care.

The submission process for all individual awards is online. **The online application for the 2016 Awards program will open the end of May 2015.** For further information about AORN's Chapter Excellence and Individual Achievement Awards, contact AORN Specialty Assembly Governance Coordinator Debbie Robichaud at drobichaud@aorn.org.