



Annual Individual Achievement Awards Frequently Asked Questions

What are the AORN Annual Individual Achievement Awards?

The AORN Annual Individual Achievement Awards are an opportunity to recognize innovators, leaders, exceptional practitioners and those who continually go above and beyond the call of duty in the perioperative nursing profession. Each award has specific requirements and criteria to meet.

How do I apply or submit an application for candidacy?

Navigate to <https://www.aorn.org/community/awards-programs/individual-achievement-awards> and select the Nominate Now button

Is there a cost to apply?

No. There is no fee to apply or to nominate someone for an AORN Annual Individual Achievement Award

Can I nominate myself?

Yes. – Self-nominations are accepted

Does the nominee have to be an AORN member?

Yes. – Anyone nominating another person must be a current AORN member.

Does the AORN Annual Achievement Awards nomination process have to be completed online?

Yes, the Nomination Form must be completed and submitted via the online form.

Can I email the Curriculum Vitae (CV)? And/or any additional documents required?

All documents need to be attached at the time of nomination including the CV.

How are the nominations evaluated and scored?

Materials are scored by members of the committee to determine if the specific award criteria are met. For ALL awards, the recipient will be the one who scores highest over 80%. We will be using the median NOT the mean score.

Can more additional narrative statements be submitted than required in the nomination forms?

No, only one complete nomination form is accepted (2 narratives may be submitted separately) per nominee will be accepted.

If multiple individuals wish to contribute content, we suggest drafting a MS Word document; the “nominator” can then copy content into the nomination form and submit it on behalf of the group.

If more than one nomination form is submitted for an individual, the first completed nomination form submitted will be forwarded to the Awards Committee for review and consideration.

Can I nominate an individual for more than one award?

Yes, you may nominate an individual for more than one award. However, each nomination form must address the specific criteria for that award. The exact same nomination form cannot be submitted for more than one award.

Can I nominate a deceased individual?

Nominees for awards must have met the award’s prerequisites and demonstrated their achievements during the 12 months preceding the nomination. Annual Individual Achievement Awards recognize living persons rather than honor the deceased; therefore, posthumous award nominations cannot be accepted. (A posthumous award may be given only if the death of the award recipient occurs between the time nominations are closed and the recipients are announced.)

If there is only one nomination for an award does the individual automatically receive the award?

No. Nominees must meet the median score of 80% to receive award designation. Each nomination is reviewed and scored by the members of the Awards Committee. Awards, where there are no nominees, will not be awarded in the current year but may be available in subsequent years. The committee’s goal is to have a recipient for each award every year.

Contact Us Information

If you have any questions, contact the awards committee through our [ORNL site](#).