



AWHONN Award Criteria

Eligibility Criteria

Lifetime Achievement Award

- All applicants must be a registered nurse; current or retired
- All candidates must have held voting membership for a cumulative minimum of ten (10) years, though not necessarily consecutively, prior to the year of their nomination.
 - They must have maintained voting membership status for at least five (5) consecutive years preceding the year of nomination.
 - The total duration of non-membership periods between active voting membership years cannot exceed one (1) year/12 months in aggregate.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Award

- All applicants must be a registered nurse; current or retired
- All candidates must have been active voting members for at least five (5) consecutive years prior to the year of their nomination, and they must also maintain active membership in the year of nomination.

Awards of Excellence

- All applicants must be a registered nurse; current or retired
- All candidates must have been active voting members for at least three (3) consecutive years prior to the year of their nomination, and they must also maintain active membership in the year of nomination.

General Policies

- The AWHONN Board of Directors, National Committee Chairs, Awards Working Group members and AWHONN staff are ineligible to be considered for any AWHONN award for the duration of their tenure in said position, as well as for two (2) years post-position.
- Candidates can be nominated for multiple awards but will only be considered for one. They can either specify their chosen award when submitting materials or if they submit applications for multiple awards; they will be asked to choose one award for which they would like to be considered before judging commences.
- The number of applicants in each category will not be disclosed to any candidate to maintain fairness.
- Following selection as an honoree, an awardee is ineligible to receive any further awards for a minimum period of three (3) years.
- Once a recipient has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, they are ineligible to receive the award for a second time. This recognition is limited to a single occurrence per individual.



- AWHONN prohibits the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools, such as text generators, paraphraser, summarizers, or translators, in the preparation and submission of any award applications. To ensure the integrity and authenticity of applications, we may use various methods to detect the use of AI tools, such as human review and requiring applicants to sign a declaration stating that they have not used any AI tools in their applications and that they are solely responsible for the content and quality. By applying for any AWHONN Award, the applicant agrees to abide by this policy and to submit only their own original work. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in disqualification of the application.
- All travel-related expenses will be reimbursed to award honorees following the Convention in accordance with AWHONN reimbursement procedures. If an honoree requires advance arrangements for travel-related expenses, AWHONN will work with the individual to make appropriate accommodation whenever possible.