



New York State Association of School Nurses Award for Excellence in School Nursing

NYSASN would like to recognize school nurses in New York State who excel in their practice of school nursing, as evidenced by exemplary performance in his or her practice relative to the following standards:

Standards of Practice:

Assessment
Diagnosis
Outcome Identification
Planning
Implementation
Evaluation

Standards of Professional Performance:

Quality of Practice
Education
Professional Practice Evaluation
Collegiality
Ethics
Research
Resource Utilization
Leadership
Program Management

Reference: School Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice, NASN, ANA 2005

The Standards of Practice (reflecting the six steps in the nursing process) and the Standards of Professional Performance provide the foundation for critical thinking for all registered nurses and describes the behaviors expected of the nurse in the role of a school nurse. School nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well-being, academic success and lifelong achievement and health of students. School nurses are expected to:

- Facilitate positive student
- Promote health and safety
- Intervene with actual and potential health problems
- Provide case management services
- Actively collaborate with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self-management, self-advocacy and learning

NYSASN representatives from each Zone are encouraged, *not required*, to present one (or more) school nurses from their Zone each year with the Award for Excellence in School Nursing. Award recipients are chosen at the Zone level providing the following criteria have been met;

- Currently practicing as a full-time school nurse
- Must be a member of NYSASN for the current and preceding two years (three consecutive years)
- Completed application form and biography
- Nomination by self, colleague or administrator

Questions to consider in the selection of the award winner(s):

- What has the nominee done to meet the expectations of school nurse as listed above?
- What situations or examples are there in which the nominee has exceeded the minimal expectations in his or her role as a school nurse?
- How does the nominee display professionalism?
- How has the nominee contributed to their Zone activities?
- How has the nominee contributed to the advancement of school nursing in New York State?

TIMELINE

January BOD – Zone reps receive information (including application forms) regarding NYSASN Excellence in School Nursing Award and will be expected to promote the award within their Zones.

March/April – Each Zone convenes a committee for review of nominees and selection of their Zone’s award winner.

May 1st – Names of award winners are submitted to BOD Award Coordinators (Past President and Zone Coordinator).

School Nurse Day – Winners are announced in Zones and names are posted on the NYSASN Web site.

May/June – Letters of congratulations are sent to award winners and their administrators. Zone reps are encouraged to facilitate the sending of congratulatory letters to all nominees.

September – Award winners are listed in the fall issue of “The Communicator.”

November – Award winners are recognized by the BOD at the fall conference with an *Excellence in School Nursing* pin and a certificate. All expenses will be paid by individuals or Zones. The Zone President for the award recipient may contact the administrator of the winner and inquire if they will cover expenses. The BOD Award Coordinators will facilitate the recognition ceremony.