

## **Brief Guide & Tips for Nominators**

### **WOCN DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses with a Bright Future**

#### **Determine the Purpose and Requirements for the Award**

- Review the purpose and intent of the award, criteria for nomination, and eligibility requirements for the nominator and the nominee.<sup>1</sup>
- Determine if the nominee and their practice align with the award.
- Check what information is required from the nominator, and carefully follow the instructions.
- Review the instructions regarding the supporting evidence that is required to demonstrate how the nominee fulfills the specific criteria for each of the six roles of a Wound, Ostomy, and Continence (WOC) nurse.<sup>2</sup>
- Check the timeline and due dates for submission of the nomination application.

**Complete the Nominator and Nominee Sections:** Provide all of the required information to determine eligibility of the nominator and nominee.

#### **Prepare the Nomination Application**

Make a list of the key points you want to include. Tailor the information to highlight the nominee's accomplishments, achievements, skills, and abilities that specifically align with the purpose, intent, and criteria for the award.<sup>1</sup> Focus on what makes the nominee stand out as an extraordinary WOC nurse who demonstrates excellence, innovation, and creativity.

- Write a draft of the nomination first, and compare it to each of the individual criteria to be sure that you have addressed all of the required elements.<sup>1</sup>
- Avoid jargon and uncommon abbreviations.<sup>1</sup>
- Check the maximum allowed word count, and revise the content as needed to fit the word count (2,000 words total or less for all of the role descriptions).<sup>1</sup>
- Review, proof read, and edit the document.
- Remember, the award reviewers do not know the nominee and need specific information to determine the nominee who best fulfills the criteria for the award.<sup>1</sup>
- Before submission of the nomination application, recheck to be sure that the information is complete and meets all stated requirements.

#### **Complete the Required Supporting Evidence: Address Each Role Criteria Completely**

Provide detailed information and real-life examples/anecdotes of how the nominee demonstrates or has demonstrated the behavior, characteristics, skill, and abilities that meet the criteria for each role of a WOC nurse.

- Be sure to demonstrate within the overall supporting evidence for the role criteria, that the nominee's practice is tri-specialty with at least one example for each of the tri-specialty areas (wound, ostomy, and continence nursing).<sup>2</sup>
- Be explicit. For each of the six role criteria, provide specific examples that show how the nominee fulfills the criteria for that specific role. For example:

- Do not just state your nominee is a compassionate nurse. Provide an anecdotal example that illustrates how the nurse showed compassion or provided compassionate care to a patient and their family or caregivers who were dealing with a new cancer diagnosis, and/or new ostomy, non-healing wound, or urinary incontinence; and the impact of the nominee's compassion.
- Do not just state that the nominee participates in professional organizations including the WOCN Society; provide an example of the participation (e.g., serves as a member of a committee or task force; is a poster/abstract reviewer, etc.).
- Include feedback from patients/families, co-workers, supervisors, etc. that help support the impact, accomplishments of the nominee.<sup>1</sup>
- Within the descriptions and examples for each role criteria, illustrate the nominee's excellence, extraordinary behavior, and achievements; their innovative and creative accomplishments; areas where the nominee has exceeded expectations; and the positive influence or impact the nominee has/had on patients, families/caregivers, staff/colleagues, work culture, etc.

## References

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