



## OUTSTANDING NURSE AWARD

Honoring remarkable nurses and presenting scholarships  
and research grants to **registered nurses and nursing students** in District 9  
**Bayou City Event Center - Friday, November 8, 2024**

District 9 of the Texas Nurses Association is accepting nominations for our  
32nd Annual **Nursing Celebration 2024 OUTSTANDING NURSE** Award.

We invite you to nominate registered nurses who have made an outstanding contribution to the profession---staff nurses, educators, managers, practitioners, community nurses, and school nurses.

Any registered nurse currently licensed in Texas and working as an RN in the District 9 area (including Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, and Waller counties) is eligible. Anyone may nominate a registered nurse; however, **self-nominations are not eligible. Previous recipients are not eligible to receive the award again** but may be selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award or the Noble Nurse Award. Criteria for these awards can be found on the TNA, District 9 website.

Please visit [tnadistrict9.com](https://www.tnadistrict9.com) (<https://www.tnadistrict9.com>) to learn more about the Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation and how the OUTSTANDING NURSE Award recognizes Nurses. Nominate here: [link here](#)

Send nominations to:  
**Nursing Celebration 2024 Nominations**  
**Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation**  
**7324 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2-1453**  
**Houston, TX 77074**

*Nominators may scan the entire signed application and email it to [tna9@tnadistrict9.com](mailto:tna9@tnadistrict9.com) or complete the nomination electronically at [link here](#)*

*If completed electronically, the nominee must email [tna9@tnadistrict9.com](mailto:tna9@tnadistrict9.com) indicating an agreement to the nomination.*

Nominations must be received in the TNA D9 office by **September 29, 2024**.

We thank you for your support and encouragement and applaud your efforts to recognize individuals who give so much to others.

For further information, please call the TNA District 9 office at (713) 523-3619 or email [tna9@tnadistrict9.com](mailto:tna9@tnadistrict9.com)

## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Send a *narrative* of two (2) typed pages (or less) describing how your candidate excelled in the following areas.
- Entries must be no more than two (2) pages in length.
- Entries must be typewritten in print no smaller than size 12 font.
- Submit two (2) copies of the narrative, one with the candidate's name and institution and one without any identifying information of the nominee, nominator, or institution.
- Selections will be made by blind review of the narratives.

Please identify *specific* examples of the criteria that reflect behavior above and beyond a job description. You may include additional examples of achievements under "Other." **Address as many listed criteria as possible**, emphasizing those characteristics that make your candidate unique.

### ▪ EXHIBITS EXPERTISE IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Include:

Certification or special award in a specialty area

Initiations of policy changes

Participation in community projects

Advanced education in a specific specialty area

Sharing of knowledge through in-services, employee training, etc.

Planning and implementation of research or process improvement

Development of protocols, guidelines, or projects

Other

### ▪ SERVES AS A PROFESSIONAL ROLE MODEL

Include:

Active participation in professional associations, on committees, etc.

Mentoring other nurses in professional practice

Presentation at local, state, and national conferences or business meetings

Consultation with other professions and agencies

Serving as a spokesperson for skilled nursing

Serving as an adjunct faculty member or preceptor

Policy development

Publishing in professional journals or trade publications

Other

### ▪ CONTRIBUTES TO THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE

Include:

Advocacy for patients, students, or employees

Improvement of health care, business, or educational delivery systems

Changes in policy based on research

Political action to support quality health care, management, or education

Enhancement of patient access to care or student access to education

Development and maintenance of high standards in practice, education, or management

Chair or member of institutional committees

Outcome evaluation

Other

### ▪ COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSION OF NURSING

Include:

Consultation for groups regarding issues and health care delivery, management, education, etc.

Mentoring Nurses for Leadership in nursing organizations

Representation of nursing or management at local, state, and national levels

Representation of nursing on community boards (e.g., school boards, community organization boards)

Other

**Please provide the following information about your nominee:**

Name of Nominee	
Nursing Credentials	
Area of practice	
Years in Nursing	
Current position	
Name of the institution in which employed	
Initial degree	
Highest degree	
Current mailing address	
Current City	
Current Zip	
Current phone #: Work	
Current phone #: Home	
Current phone #: Cell	
Email:	
Signature of Nominee*:	
Printed Name of Nominator: <i>(please print legibly)</i>	
Phone # and Email of Nominator:	

**\*Signature indicates that the nominee has read and agrees with the letter's content. Winning nominees must have their photo taken, a video filmed by the Celebration videographer, and attend the event on November 8, 2024. The honoree, photo, and video are essential parts of the program.**