

## **Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award Eligibility**

The Outstanding Orthopaedic Nurse Practice Award recognizes a NAON member who provides high quality healthcare to the orthopaedic patient and has made outstanding contributions during his or her career to the field of orthopaedic nursing.

### **Nominees should:**

1. Demonstrate strong patient advocacy by meeting the physical, psychological, social, spiritual and educational needs of orthopaedic patients and their families
2. Utilize innovative ideas in planning care and uses various approaches to solving patient care problems
3. Serve as a role model/mentor to nursing colleagues and other disciplines in professional development of new concepts and skills to improve care
4. Create an atmosphere of mutual respect and communicates with both patient, family members and members of the health team
5. Consistently maintain a high degree of clinical competence and current orthopaedic knowledge

### **Eligibility:**

- Be a current member of NAON
- Have a minimum of two years' experience in the field of Orthopaedic Nursing
- Currently practicing Orthopaedic Nursing
- Current members of the NAON Executive Board and NAON staff are not eligible for this award

### **Required Criteria/Documentation:**

- A letter of nomination from a nursing colleague and/or nursing supervisor which must include:
  - Brief job description
  - Verification the nominee's eligibility requirements (listed above) have been met
- Two (2) letters of recommendation; each should not exceed one (1) page, which must include:
  - Statement of relationship to the nominee.
  - Letters must address the five (5) criteria (listed at the top of this document) by providing specific examples to support criteria when possible
  - Signatures and addresses of the nominators

Nominators must submit two (2) original recommendation letters and one (1) original nomination letter.

All required documentation must be sent to [naon@orthonurse.org](mailto:naon@orthonurse.org) by February 28, 2023. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered. Once we receive your submission, a notice of receipt will be sent to the lead person submitting the nomination.

### **How is the recipient chosen?**

All nominations received by the deadline undergo a review by an appointed task force. The lead person submitting the main nomination will be notified by mid-March if their recommended nominee has been chosen.

The award recipient is encouraged to be in attendance at the Annual Congress for recognition of this accomplishment as this award is one of NAON's highest honors.

**The recipient receives:**

- \$1,000 continuing education grant
- Waived registration to the current year's Annual Congress
- Congress airfare/lodging covered to a maximum of \$1,000

*\*Recipients do not always receive reimbursement/benefits. Exact amounts are variable and contingent upon the approved annual budget. This award can only be granted to a recipient once.*