



**Call for Entries opens**  
1 November 2006

**Deadline**  
1 March 2007

**Entry fee**  
US \$45

The fee structure for nominations outside the U.S. will be set according to World Bank classifications based on per capita income designated as low, middle and high. The fee for Founders Award nominations will be determined by the location of the primary nominator.

**Submission guidelines**  
Award entries must be submitted via the online submission system. Instructions are available at [www.nursingsociety.org/programs](http://www.nursingsociety.org/programs)

**Judging**  
Qualified judging panels representing strong talent and expertise are appointed.

**Notification**  
Nominees and recipients will be notified of the judges' decision by 1 July 2007.

**Presentation**  
All awards will be presented at the honor society's 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Baltimore, Maryland on 3-7 November 2007.

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# Founders Awards

## Dorothy Garrigus Adams Award for Excellence in Fostering Professional Standards

### PURPOSE

The Founders Awards offer homage to the six founding nurses of the society and the director of nursing at Indiana University for their insights in 1922 that advanced scholarship, leadership, research, and practice. The awards recognize extraordinary excellence.

### ELIGIBILITY

- All active society members are eligible.
- Current members of the honor society's board of directors or members of the headquarters staff are NOT eligible.

### NOMINATIONS

- Two active members or a chapter of the honor society are required to nominate an individual.

### CRITERIA

- Demonstrates a leadership role in encouraging the use and promoting the growth of professional standards
  - stimulates the public and professional demand for professional standards
    - advocates professional standards
    - participates in legislative matters pertaining to professional standards
  - advances professional standards through collaboration with local, state, and national or international groups
  - communicates standards of nursing to professional lay groups
  - fosters interdisciplinary collaboration in professional standards of practice
- Expands understanding of professional standards to increase the quality and quantity of practice
  - assists nurses to acquire knowledge of professional standards
  - assists nurses to interpret and apply professional standards
  - creates materials that address professional standards
  - presents workshops/seminars on professional standards
- Utilizes professional standards to advance nursing practice
  - demonstrates expertise in professional and technical performance
  - stimulates use of professional standards in nursing to improve quality of care
  - serves as a role model of the implementation of professional standards
- Participates in the evolution and/or interpretation of standards of the profession
  - proposes standards for professional practice
  - prepares written explication of standards
  - interprets professional standards for peers and/or public, reviews and/or analyzes standards of practice in a variety of settings, and serves as an expert witness
  - provides consultation on professional standards
- Is involved in other significant areas of fostering professional standards

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete nomination consists of:

- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting narrative that speaks to the category nominated and related criteria (no page limitation)
- Letter of acceptance by nominee
- Letters from national and international leaders – internal and external to nursing (10 letters total will be adequate)
- Curriculum vitae (viewed as background resource to supporting data narrative material rather than "primary presentation")

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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