



**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

## Elizabeth Russell Belford Award for Excellence in Education

### 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 excellence in teaching
  - possesses superior knowledge of nursing as perceived by students, peers, and the public
  - creates and/or uses innovative teaching/learning methods
  - manifests a humanitarian approach to teaching
  - enhances professional socialization
- Advances the science of nursing through clarifying, refining, and/or expanding the knowledge base of nursing
  - creating new perspectives of nursing
  - publications
  - research
- Promotes a theory/research base for nursing curricula and nursing practice
- Influences scholarly development in nursing education, practice, and/or research through effects of teaching
  - acknowledgment of students and colleagues
  - mentorship
- Impacts the professional practice of nursing and the public's image of nursing through excellence of teaching
- Is involved in other contributions that signify excellence in education

### 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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