



# Honorary Membership

## PURPOSE

The Honor Society of Nursing bestows honorary membership upon individuals of national or international influence who have furthered the course of health care. Honorary stature is conferred by the society's board of directors on those who demonstrate superior achievement in a chosen field and who demonstrate a special commitment to the ideals and concerns of nursing.

## ELIGIBILITY

Honorary membership in Sigma Theta Tau International is granted by the Sigma Theta Tau International board of directors on individuals throughout the world who are not eligible for regular membership but have demonstrated superior achievements that have contributed to the advancement of nursing and health care **at the national or international levels**. Any active Sigma Theta Tau International member may nominate a person for honorary membership.

## CRITERIA

Nominees for honorary membership must have:

- Demonstrated a commitment to the ideals and purposes of the Honor Society of Nursing.
- **Made a national or international impact** with their work.
- Demonstrated superior achievement and leadership in their field of work.
- Made contributions of long-term significance to nursing and health care.

## EVALUATING NOMINATIONS

The nomination is evaluated for:

- **Completeness.** All criteria must be supported by evidence.
- **Diversity.** Documentation must come from a variety of sources (i.e., letters of support, awards of other achievement, published articles that highlight the nominee's work, etc.).
- **Objectivity.** The evidence must reflect a variety of perspectives and persons who know the nominee's work.
- **Contributions to nursing and health care.** The applicability of the nominee's contributions to nursing and health care must be evident in the materials.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete nomination consists of:

- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting narrative that speaks to criteria (*no page limitation*)
- A cover letter prepared by the nominator summarizing the nominee's accomplishments
- Curriculum vitae that serves as a framework for the nominee's accomplishments
- Any other supporting documentation

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## 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.

## 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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