



# Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award for Excellence in Chapter Support

## PURPOSE

During the 1995-1997 biennium, Melanie C. Dreher, president of the Honor Society of Nursing, appointed the Deans' Task Force to recommend strategies for orienting, involving and recognizing nursing program administrators for their support and effort in promulgating the honor society's mission and goals. The 1997-1999 Deans' Task Force further explored how the organization could better support nursing program administrators to develop and strengthen their support of chapters and work at the regional and international levels. In order to provide recognition, this task force recommended the creation of the Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award, which was approved by the board of directors in September of 1999. The award was named after Dr. Dreher because she is an outstanding example of a dean who "lives" her commitment to the honor society. In creating this award, the task force stressed that the support of deans to the success of local chapters cannot be underestimated and that there are a number of deans whose contributions have gone above and beyond normal expectation.

## ELIGIBILITY

- All active members of the honor society who are deans or the chief administrative officers (e.g., director, chairperson) of baccalaureate and/or graduate nursing education programs are eligible.
- Current members of the honor society's board of directors, the award selection committee, or members of the headquarters staff are NOT eligible.

## NOMINATIONS

An honor society chapter or at-large chapter is required to nominate an individual. The individual nominated must be a member of the nominating chapter.

## CRITERIA

- Actively engaged in supporting honor society chapter activities
  - Is an active participant in the chapter
  - Provides significant support from the school to the chapter
  - Actively involved in nominating potential members, including students, faculty, and nurse leaders
  - Supports faculty and student involvement in chapter activities, including actively publicizing the Honor Society of Nursing chapter activities
  - Supports faculty and student participation in local, regional, and/or international Honor Society of Nursing activities
- Assumes an ambassador role of the honor society including demonstrating leadership by promoting excellence in nursing practice, education, and scholarship

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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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- Maintains current knowledge of local, regional, and/or international initiatives of the honor society
- Promotes honor society community collaboration at the local, regional, and/or international level
- Encourages contributions to scholarship in nursing education, practice, and/or research
- Uses opportunities to promote the honor society in presentations, seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.

### **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

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A complete nomination consists of:

- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting data narrative, not to exceed five single-spaced, typed pages, which speaks to the related criteria
- Letter of acceptance by nominee
- Up to five letters of support, three of which should be from Honor Society of Nursing members
- Brief curriculum vitae, not to exceed two single-spaced, typed pages (viewed as background resource to supporting data narrative material rather than “primary presentation”)

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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