



# Founders Awards

## Elizabeth Russell Belford Award for Excellence in Education

### PURPOSE

The Founders Awards offer homage to the six founding nurses of STTI 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

Nominee must be an active member of Sigma Theta Tau International. STTI Board of Directors, STTI staff, STTI consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible.

### NOMINATIONS

Two active members or a chapter are required to nominate an individual.

### CRITERIA

- Demonstrates excellence in teaching
  - Possesses superior knowledge of nursing as perceived by students, peers, and the public
  - Manifests a humanitarian approach to teaching
  - Enhances professional socialization
- Creates and/or uses innovative teaching/learning methods
- Advances the nursing education 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

*Supporting documents required below must address the criteria. A complete online nomination consists of:*

- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting narrative (1-2 pages)
- Three (3) letters of support from national and global leaders – internal and external to nursing
- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Letter of acceptance

### CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information or to make a contribution to fund this award, please contact Adrians Cleveland at +1.317.634.8171 (International), 888.634.7575 (U.S./Canada toll-free), or email [adrians@stti.org](mailto:adrians@stti.org).

### Call for Entries opens

1 November 2016

### Deadline

1 March 2017

### Entry Fee

US \$50

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/awards](http://www.nursingsociety.org/awards).

### Judging

Qualified judging panels representing strong talent and expertise are appointed.

### Notification

Award recipients will be notified by email by 1 July 2017.

### Presentation

All awards will be presented at STTI's 44th Biennial Convention Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, 28 October - 1 November 2017.

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