



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

## **PURPOSE**

During the 1995-1997 biennium, Melanie C. Dreher, president of STTI, 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 global 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 STTI. In creating this award, the task force stressed that the support of deans in the success of local chapters cannot be underestimated, and there are a number of deans whose contributions have gone beyond normal expectations.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

All deans or the chief administrative officers (e.g., directors, chairpersons, or heads of school) of baccalaureate and/or graduate nursing education programs are eligible. Current members of STTI Board of Directors, STTI staff, STTI consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible.

## **NOMINATIONS**

An STTI chapter or at-large chapter is required to nominate an individual.

## **CRITERIA**

- Actively engaged in supporting STTI chapter activities
  - Is an active participant in the chapter
  - Provides significant support from the school to the chapter
  - Supports faculty and student involvement in chapter activities, including actively publicizing STTI chapter activities
  - Supports faculty and student participation in local, regional, and/or global STTI activities
- Assumes an ambassador role of STTI including demonstrating leadership by promoting excellence in nursing practice, education, and scholarship
  - Promotes local, regional, and/or global initiatives of STTI
  - Promotes STTI collaboration at the local, regional, and/or global level
  - Encourages contributions to scholarship in nursing education, practice, and/or research
  - Promotes STTI in presentations, seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.

## **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, two (2) required from STTI active members
- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Letter of acceptance by nominee
- Any other supporting documentation (not to exceed 10 pages)

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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