



Chapter Excellence Award

Ethel Palmer Clark Founders Award

NOTIFICATION

Award recipients will be notified in September 2019.

PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at Sigma's [45th Biennial Convention](#) in Washington, DC, USA.

PAST RECIPIENTS

[View a brief biography of past recipients online.](#)

CONTACT

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PURPOSE

The Founders Awards offer homage to the six founding nurses of Sigma and the director of nursing at Indiana University for their insights in 1922 that advanced scholarship, leadership, research, and practice. This award recognizes extraordinary chapter excellence.

ELIGIBILITY

The top-five-scoring Chapter Key Award submissions will be considered. Chapters should submit their own Chapter Key Award submission. The Chapter Key Award application can be found in the All Chapter Officers Workgroup on the [Circle](#). The deadline for the Chapter Key Award is 15 July 2019.

CRITERIA

Chapter Key Award applications should show evidence of meeting a majority of the following criteria:

Leadership

1. Implements creative activities that achieve the mission of Sigma
2. Recognizes the development of leadership qualities
3. Fosters high professional standards

Knowledge

1. Recognizes superior achievement in scholarship, research, practice, and education
2. Strengthens commitment to the ideals and purposes of nursing
3. Sponsors programs that promote scholarship and research

Service

1. Encourages creative works of service
2. Members serve as moderators, speakers, and participants in panels, seminars, workshops, etc.

Community

1. Stimulates member and public contributions to scholarship in nursing education, practice, or research
2. Maintains strong relationships with the university, nursing community, and public

Sustainability

1. Involves a significant number of members in chapter activities
2. Provides a range of activities that promote member involvement
3. Promotes member participation in activities such as questionnaires/surveys, letters to the chapter newsletter editor, articles for the chapter newsletter, etc.
4. Maintains high percentage of active membership

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete online nomination consists of:

- Chapter Key Award application