

DELAWARE EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION STATE AWARDS

Criteria for award categories and directions for nominations are as follows:

1. Listed below are the three state awards and two levels of scholarships offered by the Delaware Emergency Nurses Association state council.
2. All nominations and scholarship applications MUST be submitted using the State Awards Nomination/Continuing Education Scholarship Application form found on the DENA website: <https://www.de-ena.org/>
3. Nominations & scholarship applications must be received by the Awards Committee Chair no later than September 30, 2019 to be eligible. They are to be submitted electronically with all required attachments and documents listed in the criteria section for each award title to the Awards Committee Chair listed on the last page of the application form.
4. The award recipients will be announced at the October General Membership meeting and awarded at the Annual DENA Symposium.
5. Since Delaware hospitals employ nurses from neighboring states, nominees must possess a current active unrestricted nursing license from the state in which they reside, be currently employed at a Delaware facility that provides emergency services and *if* a member of the Emergency Nurses Association, must be listed as a member within the Delaware State Council.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Nurse Excellence Award

This award recognizes the clinical nurse expert who acts as a mentor, educator and role model for emergency nursing.

Criteria: Nominee must be an active DENA member who encourages professional development in emergency nursing through mentoring, leadership and role model behaviors. This nominee consistently demonstrates a high level of engagement for emergency nursing through participation in DENA activities and functions and/or activities within the nominee's community that would require representation from an emergency nurse. Such activities and functions may include but are not limited to: Instructing TNCC/ENPC/first aid/CPR courses, participation in the annual DENA educational conference, attend as a delegate/alternate delegate to the national ENA general assembly within last 2 years, participate in community outreach/injury prevention activities, provide DENA representation to state of Delaware committees, participate in community activities requiring emergency nursing support or hospital activities requiring emergency nursing representation/participation.



Nursing Practice Award

This award recognizes the nurse who consistently demonstrates a high level of professional behavior and high quality direct patient care in the emergency nursing setting.

Criteria: Nominee promotes evidence based nursing practice and is recognized by their peers as an expert in emergency nursing. This nominee should also be certified in emergency nursing (CEN, CPEN, CFRN, CTRN or TCRN), actively participate in emergency nursing performance improvement and serve as a mentor to younger, entry level emergency nurses. A letter of support from the nominee's clinical manager/director should be included with the submission.

National Nomination: The recipient of the award will be nominated by the DENA if eligible for the national ENA Nurse Practice Award.

DENA Rising Star Award

This award recognizes the nurse practicing bedside care in the emergency department for less than five years.

Criteria: Nominee displays enthusiasm for emergency nursing, provides compassionate competent direct patient care and develops own career through participating in emergency nursing activities and committees within institution while encouraging coworkers to do the same. Nomination **must** include two letters of support from peers.

National Nomination: The recipient of this award will be nominated by the DENA if eligible for the national ENA Rising Star Award.

DENA Continuing Education Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to the emergency nurse(s) choosing to further their education degree (seeking a BSN, MSN, MS-health care area, Doctorate-Nursing or Education). The amount of the scholarships shall be determined each year with regards to the financial status of the DENA. The annual scholarship amounts shall be determined no later than the General Membership meeting prior to the application submission timeframe and posted on the DENA website for applicant information. Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the educational institution at which the award recipient is actively enrolled. All candidates must have a current ENA membership and affiliated specifically to the Delaware State Council.

The Advanced Education Scholarship is awarded to a single applicant seeking further nursing education to a master's degree or higher. The application must include the following documentation.



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Advanced Education Scholarship

Criteria/Required Documentation:

1. Submit a resume or Curriculum Vitae
2. Submit a Letter of Intent, written by the applicant to include:
 - a. How the profession of emergency nursing will benefit from further education.
 - b. Involvement in ENA, including all offices or appointed positions held within the organization and/or involvement in your institution, community or volunteer work that promotes emergency nursing.
3. Proof of active enrollment to a MSN or higher level nursing program: PDF recommended, screenshots discouraged.
4. Provide ENA membership number on DENA State Award Application.

The Entry Level Education Scholarship is awarded to one or two applicant(s) seeking further nursing education to a baccalaureate nursing degree. This scholarship may be divided between two qualified applicants at the discretion of the State Council Board of Directors. The written application must include the following documentation.

Entry Level Educational Scholarship

Criteria/Required Documentation:

1. Submit a Resume or Curriculum Vitae
2. Submit a Letter of Intent written by the applicant, to include:
 - a. How nursing will benefit from your attaining a baccalaureate degree in nursing.
 - b. How the community will benefit from your nursing education.
3. Proof of active enrollment to a BSN program; PDF recommended, screenshots discouraged.
4. Provide ENA membership number on DENA State Award Application.