

Nomination Form



Outstanding Young Nurse Alumnus Award 2012

TO THE NOMINATOR:

This nomination packet may be used to nominate a USC Nursing graduate with 10 years or less in the nursing profession and that the nominator believes exemplifies contributions to the nursing profession as outlined in the criteria below. Please follow all of the instructions. The nominator may mail or email all of the information to the College of Nursing at the address found at the end of this form. Please include all additional materials required and submit the completed packet prior to the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be received at the College of Nursing by April 20, 2012.

Criteria for Selection of Award Recipient

The qualified Nominee is an alumnus of University of South Carolina-Columbia, USC Lancaster or USC Salkehatchie campuses' College of Nursing's academic program(s). The alumnus may be nominated if he/she:

1. Significantly or uniquely contributes to the nursing profession through clinical practice, education and teaching, leadership, research, writing, publishing, and/or healthcare innovation.
2. Demonstrates leadership in community affairs, nursing professional organizations, and in growth and development of others in these areas.
3. Positively promotes and advances the nursing profession in the community through volunteerism and/or any other outreach efforts.
4. Recognizes and defines their own contributions in a meaningful way and can articulate the benefits of their USC nursing education.

Nominee Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Professional Credentials: _____

Current Position / Title: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Please submit nominations by April 20, 2012

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THE NOMINATOR MUST SUBMIT:

- 1) **Nominator's answers to the three (3) Qualification Questions**
(MS Word, up to 2 pages total, standard margins, font size \geq 10 pt.)
- 2) **Nominee's answers to two Essay Questions**
(MS Word, one page total, standard margins, font size \geq 10 pt.)
- 3) **Nominee's most recent Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
- 4) **Three (3) letters of recommendation/support**

BLIND REVIEW PROCESS:

Please note that each nominee will be reviewed by the Selection Committee in a blind review process. The name of the nominee will be masked from the CV. Please omit the nominee's name in answers to each Qualification Question and in the Nominee's own answers to the two Essay Questions.

NOMINATED BY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

How long have you known the nominee and in what capacity?

Please mail the nomination packet to:

**Outstanding Young Nurse Alumna Award 2012
Selection Committee
College of Nursing
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208**

If you have any questions concerning this application, please call Diane Scott at (803) 777-3468, or email advancingleadership@sc.edu.

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Please give specific examples that support the nominee's contributions to nursing and that distinguish her/him as an outstanding young alumnus of the University of South Carolina College of Nursing. Refer to the Criteria for Selection of Award Recipients and to "Tips for Completing a Successful Nomination."

A selection committee will conduct a BLIND REVIEW of the nominees. Please omit the nominee's name from your answers.

QUALIFICATION QUESTIONS (for Nominator):

(Microsoft Word, up to 2 pages total, standard margins, font size ≥ 10 pt.)

- 1) Describe specific significant or unique contributions the Nominee has made to the nursing profession. (30 points)
- 2) Provide information which describes specific contributions the Nominee has made to the nursing profession by providing leadership in community affairs, nursing professional organizations and/or has assisted others to grow and develop in this area. (24 Points)
- 3) Describe how the Nominee positively promotes and advances the profession of nursing in the community through volunteerism or **any other** outreach efforts. (16 points)

ESSAY QUESTIONS (for Nominee):

(Microsoft Word, one page total, standard margins, font size ≥ 10 pt.)

- a) What do you feel is your greatest contribution to the nursing profession and why? (20 Points)
- b) Describe how the University of South Carolina College of Nursing has impacted your professional career. (10 points)

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Tips for Completing a Successful Nomination

History of the Outstanding Young Nurse Alumnus Award:

The USC College of Nursing, in collaboration with USC Alumni Association and the Alpha Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, established the Outstanding USC Young Nurse Alumnus Award in 2011 to recognize nursing graduates with 10 or less years of experience. Each year, the new award winner is recognized and presented an award during the Viana McCown Lectureship.

The 2012 Viana McCown Lectureship is usually held on the Friday of Homecoming Weekend.

Background Information on Selection Process

Nominees for the annual Outstanding Young Nurse Alumni Award are evaluated through a blind review. Identifying information (with the exception of gender and age) are removed from the all materials prior to distribution to the multiple reviewers on the Selection Committee. The committee will rate each nomination following specific selection criteria outlined on the first page of the nomination form and whether the candidate meets, exceeds, or substantially exceeds each criterion. Specific citations are essential to the review process for this reason.

The Selection Committee is composed of the following representatives:

- Chair of the Alumni Committee of the College of Nursing Partnership Board
- Other Appointed Representative(s) of the Alumni Committee
- Representative(s) from Alpha Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau
- Representative(s) from College of Nursing Faculty
- Previous Outstanding Alumni Award Recipient(s)
- Community at Large Member or a Non Nurse Member of the USC CON Partnership Board

BASICS:

- Answer all questions on the nomination form.
- Submit all required areas for the nomination.
- Follow requirements for page restriction and font size.
- Omit name of Nominee in Qualification Questions
- Cite specific examples in your answers and address as many of the areas defined in the Criteria for Selection as possible.

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Brief samples of specific answers to Qualification Questions:

1) Describe significant or unique contributions the nominee has made to the nursing profession.

Example: The Nominee has been recognized by the hospital system where she is employed as employee of the year for her nursing unit. She has served as her unit's representative on the hospital shared governance committee. She has implemented evidence-based initiatives as the Skin Champion/ Pressure Ulcer Prevention Team Leader on her unit. As a Magellan Scholar, she has contributed to the advancement of nursing science by conducting research that evaluates interventions to promote mammography screening among women. As an Assistant Nurse Manager in her facility, the nominee promoted contributions of nurses by serving on hospital wide Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection Review Committee and chair of the Bloodstream Infection Review Committee.

2) Describe the nominee's leadership in community affairs, nursing professional organizations, and/or assistance to others in the growth and development of these areas (mentoring/precepting).

Example: The Nominee has been involved in the following community activities: Troop Leader for the Boy Scouts of America; Secretary for the Family Shelter; Director for the Food Bank Distribution for Food Pantry; Lead Coordinator for Deaconess for a local church; member of the Student Nurses Association. The nominee has served as a Clinical Nurse Specialist for a Medical/Surgical unit. Nominee has been highly involved in mentoring various nursing and respiratory therapy students in the critical care areas. She has served as a Clinical Instructor for two nursing students completing a Dedicated Education Unit for the USC College of Nursing. One example of her support of the community is her development of a mentoring program for teenagers in the Brooklyn School System.

3) Describe how the nominee positively promotes and advances the nursing profession in the community through volunteerism and/or outreach efforts.

EXAMPLE: The nominee is currently certified in Advanced Life Support and provides monthly certification and recertification classes in Basic Life Support for staff at a local Nursing Home. She volunteers as part of the Congregational Health Committee in her church and specifically coordinates the fall flu injection schedule and the bi-yearly Health Screening Fair. She serves as a member of the annual planning committee for the city-wide 5K run/walk for Breast Cancer and is the chair of the Health Promotion Committee for a local school PTA. She was a member of a 2010 relief medical team that spent a week in Haiti.