



American
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Michigan

ANA-Michigan Nurse Recognition Awards

Nomination Deadline: March 31

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Recognize & Honor a Nurse

Michigan has many nurses whose outstanding and heroic contributions should be recognized and honored. ANA-Michigan has established eight different awards to recognize excellence in Michigan nursing. This is the perfect opportunity to honor a nursing colleague and the process for nominating has never been easier.

Award nominations are due to ANA-Michigan by **March 31**. The Nominations Committee will review and select award winners; all nominees will be notified following final selection. ANA-Michigan will honor award winners at the virtual Annual Membership Assembly on April 27, 2026.

Nomination Procedures

Nominations including all required documentation must be submitted by close of business day on March 31. Nominations can be collected online [HERE](#).

Please see “Nomination Requirements” for a comprehensive list of required documentation. Each individual award includes additional nominee requirements; please review each awards nominee criteria for more information. All submitted materials **MUST** be typed to ensure legibility.

All submitted nominations become the property of ANA-Michigan. ANA-Michigan reserves the right to request further information related to a nomination. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

Nomination Requirements for Awards 1-5

- Nominator must be a current ANA-Michigan member.
- Submit completed Award Nomination Form.
- Submit resume for nominee (up to 3 pages).
- Submit one letter of recommendation that responds to the specific award criteria (up to 1 page).
- Submit nomination materials by March 31.

1. Dorothea Milbrandt Nurse Leader Award

The Dorothea Milbrandt Nurse Award has been created to honor nurses who have demonstrated excellence in building successful mentoring relationships with other nurses and/or nursing students. This award is presented on behalf of the late Dorothea Milbrandt, RN, MPS, MSN, who had an important and lasting impact on nursing in Michigan for nearly 40 years. She served as Interim and Associate Executive Director of the Michigan Nurses Association, Course Director at Lansing Community College, Board member at Ingham County Health Education Coalition, Appraiser ANA Magnet Hospital Recognition Program, Associate Professor at Michigan State University, and Vice President for Nursing at Ingham Medical Center in Lansing, Michigan. In 2005, she was instrumental in the founding of the Registered Nurses Association in Michigan, now known as ANA-Michigan.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Participates in professional nursing organization(s).
- Demonstrates creativity and a passion for nursing excellence.
- Demonstrated excellence in building successful mentoring relationships with other nurses and/or nursing students.
- Holds a current membership in ANA-Michigan.

2. Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual's longstanding commitment to and profound impact on nursing.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Has shown a lifelong commitment and dedication to the nursing profession.
- Has been an innovator and developed programs, new models, or research related to promoting the profession.
- Attained leadership positions of distinction in the academic, government, and/or community arena.
- Holds a current membership in ANA-Michigan.

3. Public Policy Advocate Award

Public Policy Advocate Award is to recognize a nurse who has demonstrated success in using public policy and advocacy as strategies in advancing nursing in Michigan.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated leadership in community affairs.
- Impact on public policy.
- Has demonstrated involvement in local, state, or national politics.
- Holds a current membership in ANA-Michigan

4. Exceptional Promise Award

Exceptional Promise Award aims to spotlight up to five (5) aspiring nursing students for their skills today and promise for tomorrow. ANA-Michigan will recognize up to five (5) distinguished pre-licensed nursing students, who exemplify leadership and achievement in their community and their scholarly efforts. The purpose is intended to celebrate and encourage exemplar dedication to the nursing profession.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Significantly or uniquely contributes to leadership within their nursing program.
- Demonstrates leadership in community affairs, nursing professional organizations, and in growth and development of others in these areas.
- Positively promotes the nursing profession.

5. Future Nurse Leader Award

Future Nurse Leader Award is given yearly to a recent (within two years of graduation) nursing school (ADN, BSN) graduate who demonstrates great potential for leadership in the profession. The candidate for this award must be nominated by a nurse leader – it could be their faculty, manager, etc.

Nominators must meet the following criteria:

- Must be in a leadership position who can speak to the nominee's attributes and potential.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a graduate from an accredited nursing program.
- Must demonstrate leadership while in school and/or within first 2 years of employment/practice with further potential growth as a leader.

6. Innovation Award

Innovation Award will identify a health care organization (hospitals, public health departments, mental health facility, etc.) for an innovative practice/approach which improves nursing and patient outcomes.

Nomination Requirements for Award 6

- Submit completed Awards Nomination Form.
- Submit one page summary describing the innovation and its impact on nursing.
- Submit nomination materials by March 15.

7. Collaborative Practice Award

Collaborative Practice Award will identify an interdisciplinary team which demonstrated a collaborate approach on a project which involved best practice(s) that resulted in improved patient outcomes or improvement to nursing practice.

Nomination Requirements for Award 7

- Submit completed Award Nomination Form
- Submit one-page summary describing the collaborative approach on a project and how it improved patient outcomes or improved nursing practice.
- Submit a list of identified interdisciplinary team members in the form upon submission.
- Submit nomination materials by March 31.

8. Friend of Nursing Award

The Friend of Nursing Award is conferred on a non-nurse who has rendered valuable assistance to the nursing profession. Their contributions and assistance are of statewide significance to nursing.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrates a commitment to the ideals and purposes of nursing.
- Demonstrates superior achievement and leadership in their field of work.
- Contributes to the long-term significance of the nursing profession, and/or to the health of people within Michigan.