Founders Awards

Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Excellence in Chapter Programming

PURPOSE
The Founders Awards offer homage to the six founding nurses of the society and the director of nursing at Indiana University for their insights in 1922 that advanced scholarship, leadership, research, and practice. The awards recognize extraordinary excellence.

ELIGIBILITY
All chapters of the society are eligible for the Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Excellence in Chapter Programming.

NOMINATIONS
Chapters should place their own name in nomination for the Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Excellence in Chapter Programming.

CRITERIA
- Implements creative chapter activities that achieve the purpose of Sigma Theta Tau
    - recognizes superior achievement in scholarship, research, practice, and education
    - recognizes the development of leadership qualities
    - fosters high professional standards
    - encourages creative work in chapter
    - strengthens commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession
- Stimulates the members and the public to contribute to scholarship in nursing education, practice, and/or research
    - encourages contributions to designated chapter funds for scholarship and research
    - sponsors programs that promote scholarship and research
- Involves a significant number of members in chapter activities
    - submits documentation of members' participation
    - provides for a range of activities that promote involvement of members
        - moderator/speaker/participant – panels, seminars, conferences, workshops
        - committee chairperson/member
        - liaison with university, the nursing community, and/or the public
    - promotes participation through activities
        - questionnaires/surveys
        - letters to the editor of chapter newsletter
        - articles for chapter newsletter
    - maintains high percentage of active membership

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
A complete nomination consists of:
- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting narrative that speaks to the category nominated and related criteria (no page limitation)
- Letters from national and international leaders – internal and external to nursing (10 letters total will be adequate)

CONTACT INFORMATION
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