



# Founders Awards

## Mary Tolle Wright Award for Excellence in Leadership

### PURPOSE

The Founders Awards offer homage to the six founding nurses of STTI 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 active STTI members are eligible.
- Current members of STTI's Board of Directors or members of the headquarters staff are NOT eligible.

### NOMINATIONS

Two active members or a chapter are required to nominate an individual.

### CRITERIA

- Receives national and/or international recognition as a nursing leader in education, practice, administration and/or research
  - Held various leadership positions
  - Cited as a national nursing leader
  - Appointed/elected to national task forces, commissions, councils, committees, etc.
  - Received awards that connote leadership in nursing
- Impacts leadership in nursing through visionary and innovative approaches
  - Develops creative approaches to nursing leadership
  - Demonstrates creative approaches to nursing leadership
  - Advances the knowledge base of leadership in nursing
- Creates an environment that enhances the image of nurses and the profession of nursing
  - Promotes sense of worth in other nurses
  - Maintains excellent professional interpersonal relations
  - Demonstrates outstanding public relations skills
  - Facilitates professional socialization at all levels of nursing
- Participates in the development of nursing leaders and leadership
  - Provides career counseling and referral
  - Serves as a mentor of nurses
  - Teaches leadership through various strategies
  - Serves as a consultant/advisor
- Is involved in other significant areas of leadership

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete nomination consists of:

- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting narrative that addresses criteria (1-2 pages)
- Letter of acceptance by nominee
- Three (3) letters of support from national and global leaders – internal and external to nursing
- Nominee's curriculum vitae

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Call for Entries opens**  
1 November 2010

**Deadline**  
1 March 2011

**Entry fee**  
US \$50

The fee structure for nominations outside the U.S. will be set according to World Bank classifications based on per capita income designated as low, middle and high.

### **Submission guidelines**

Award entries must be submitted via the online submission system. Instructions are available at [www.nursingsociety.org/awards](http://www.nursingsociety.org/awards).

### **Judging**

Qualified judging panels representing strong talent and expertise are appointed.

### **Notification**

Award recipients will be notified by e-mail by 1 July 2011.

### **Presentation**

All awards will be presented at STTI's 41st Biennial Convention in Grapevine, Texas, USA, on 29 October – 2 November 2011.

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