



Founders Awards

Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Chapter Excellence

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 and NOMINATIONS

All active chapters of the society in good standing are eligible for the Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Chapter Excellence. The **top-5 scoring Chapter Key Award submissions** will be considered for the 2011 Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Chapter Excellence. Chapters should submit their own name in nomination for the Chapter Key Award.

The Chapter Key Award, established in 1991, honors chapters who excel in chapter-related activities such as membership recruitment and retention; publicity and programming; professional and leadership development; and local, national and international collaboration. Eligible activities must have been completed during the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2011.

CRITERIA

- For a full listing of the Chapter Key Award criteria, visit http://www.nursingsociety.org/Awards/Pages/award_chp_key.aspx
- In addition to scoring high in the Chapter Key Award criteria, chapters must show superior achievement in the following areas:

LEADERSHIP

- Implements creative chapter activities that achieve the purpose of Sigma Theta Tau
- Recognizes the development of leadership qualities through mentoring, financial support and programming
- Fosters high professional standards

KNOWLEDGE

- Recognizes superior achievement in scholarship, research, practice, and education
- Strengthens commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession
- Sponsors programs that promote scholarship and research

SERVICE

- Encourages creative work in chapter
- High percentage of member participation as moderator/speaker/participant in panels, seminars, conferences and workshops

COMMUNITY

- Stimulates members and the public to contribute to scholarship in nursing education, practice, and/or research
- Maintains strong relationship with university, the nursing community, and the public

SUSTAINABILITY

- Encourages contributions to designated chapter funds for scholarship and research
- Involves a significant number of members in chapter activities
- Provides for a range of activities that promote involvement of members
- Promotes participation through activities such as questionnaires/surveys, letters to the editor of chapter newsletter, and articles for chapter newsletter
- Maintains high percentage of active membership

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete Chapter Key Award submission consists of online entry form and payment

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.

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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