

# Founders Awards

## Dorothy Garrigus Adams Award for Excellence in Fostering Professional Standards



**Call for Entries opens**  
1 November 2012

**Deadline**  
1 March 2013

**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 2013.

### Presentation

All awards will be presented at STTI's 43rd Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, 16-20 November.

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### 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

Nominee must be an active member of Sigma Theta Tau International. 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

- Demonstrates a leadership role in encouraging the use and promoting the growth of professional standards
  - Stimulates the public and professional demand for professional standards
    - Advocates professional standards
    - Participates in legislative matters pertaining to professional standards
  - Advances professional standards through collaboration with local, state and national or international groups
  - Communicates standards of nursing to professional lay groups
  - Fosters interdisciplinary collaboration in professional standards of practice
- Expands understanding of professional standards to increase the quality and quantity of practice
  - Assists nurses to acquire knowledge of professional standards
  - Assists nurses to interpret and apply professional standards
  - Creates materials that address professional standards
  - Presents workshops/seminars on professional standards
- Utilizes professional standards to advance nursing practice
  - Demonstrates expertise in professional and technical performance
  - Stimulates use of professional nursing standards to improve quality of care
  - Serves as a role model of the implementation of professional standards
- Participates in the evolution and/or interpretation of standards of the profession
  - Proposes standards for professional practice
  - Prepares written explication of standards
  - Interprets professional standards for peers and/or public, reviews and/or analyzes standards of practice in a variety of settings and serves as an expert witness
    - Provides consultation on professional standards
- Is involved in other significant areas of fostering professional standards

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

*Supporting documents required below must address the criteria. A complete online nomination consists of:*

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

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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