

Georgia Association of Nursing Students

65th Annual Convention 2017
Awards Booklet



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Award Information FAQ

Q: Should my school apply for an award, even if we do not think we will win?

A: YES! GANS highly encourages every school to submit ALL award applications as awards are thoughtfully, independently, and anonymously chosen from the members of the GANS Board.

Q: When are awards presented?

A: At the GANS Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 immediately following the banquet dinner.

Q: What are deadlines for awards?

A: Application(s) are due via email by Thursday, August 31st by 11:59 PM.

Q: How do I submit everything for convention?

A: Award applications (school chapter and individual) are required to be submitted online via E-MAIL ONLY. All required documents, including signed and scanned copies MUST be included to remain eligible for an award. At the bottom of each award page, e-mail the contact person the award submission.

Q: Who do I contact with questions or issues with submitting awards?

A: Contact Michael Stone at gansawards@gmail.com with ANY questions!

Q: Can our school/I apply for multiple awards or scholarships?

A: Yes! Your school (or individual) can apply for as many of the awards as you wish. HOWEVER, you are only able to use ONE EVENT for ONE AWARD. One event CANNOT be used for multiple award submissions.

Q: How will the Chapter of the Year Award be determined?

A: The Chapter of the Year Award will be chosen from recipients of the District Chapter of the Year Awards and will be announced after all District Awards have been given.



Award Submission Instructions

1. Gather all award submission documents/images/videos, etc.
2. Locate the e-mail contact for the specific award you are submitting (it will be located at the bottom of the page of the award information/submission).
3. In the Subject/Title of your e-mail put the award you are submitting information for (i.e. Breakthrough to Nursing Award or Dr. Virginia M. Harmeyer Scholarship Award, etc.).
4. In the body of the e-mail please include the contact person's name and e-mail for the award being submitted along with your school and nursing association chapter name.
5. Attach the Award Application Verification Form along with any other files relevant to the award.
6. Send e-mail.

All Award Applications must be received no later than Thursday, August 31st at 11:59 PM!

IMPORTANT

If the person submitting the application does not receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of submission, please follow up with the GANS Awards Coordinator, Michael Stone, at gansawards@gmail.com.



Award Application Verification Form

This document needs to be filled out and signed for each award applied for by a chapter or individual.

Award Name: _____

Chapter Name: _____

School Name: _____

Scholarship Nominee Name (if applicable): _____

Phone: _____

By signing below, I certify that all information in the application in the application is complete and accurate.

Chapter position relevant for applied award (ex. BTN Award-BTN Director):

Chapter President: _____

Chapter Advisor: _____



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Banner Competition

Award Information

GANS is proud to celebrate the 65th Annual Convention. ALL school chapters are encouraged to participate; this is a fun way to show your creative pride and school spirit by creating a banner that represents your school. The GANS 2017 Convention Theme is “Growing in a Diverse Profession,” so feel free to use this in your designs! Please make sure your school chapter name is visible.

This year, the banners will be judged during the NCLEX Bowl on Thursday, October 12th. Each school will present their banner to the judging committee during the NCLEX Bowl. This is a great way to show your school spirit and cheer on your fellow classmates as they compete!

Banner Requirements: The banner must be 3 feet by 6 feet in size and can be cloth or paper. All artwork and craft style banners must be handmade. No professional or outside work will be permitted. So get your creative juices flowing and have fun with this contest. GANS Board members will judge the banners. Plan ahead to make sure your banner and school is recognized!

No application is required to participate in the Banner Competition.

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Breakthrough to Nursing

Award Information

The health needs of the public have no boundaries and all ethnicities, creeds, genders, religions, and sexual orientations need the compassionate care of nurses. Nurses must be culturally competent as well as clinically sound in order to provide the best level of total care. Recruitment of new nurses, retention of currently working nurses, and mentoring relationships are all focused efforts recognized by the Breakthrough to Nursing Award. The purpose of the Breakthrough to Nursing Award is to give recognition to the school chapter that impacts the community and the profession of nursing through a successful BTN project. The project should promote diversity in nursing as a career, especially to underrepresented populations.

The winning project must follow BTN ideals and emphasize diversity, mentorship, and promotion of nursing. The applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Neat and complete application
- Promotion of nursing as a career
- Community impact/mentorship
- Utilization of BTN ideals
- Promotion of diversity
- Originality/creativity
- Positive image of nursing

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Breakthrough to Nursing

Award Submission Information

Award submissions must be e-mailed. Please create a document highlighting your chapter's efforts in an organized manner.

This document **MUST** include:

- School and Nursing Association Chapter Name
- Designated Contact Person with Contact Information
- Title of project
- Date(s) of project
- Site(s) of project
- Indications of the number of nursing and non-nursing students involved
- One statement from a participant describing the impact of the event.

The document **MAY** also include:

- Overall and/or specific goals of the project.
- Any collaboration with other professions or students, i.e. medical, dental, etc.
- BTN Ideals: How did the ideals of BTN play a role in the planning of the project?
- Strategies you used while planning the project?
- Community Access: How did you determine the needs of your target population?
- Did you have any difficulties during this project? How did you react?
- Evaluation of the project. Did you feel it was successful? How did you evaluate the success of the project?
- If you partnered with another organization, why did you choose that particular group and how did you utilize the organization?
- How did you promote nursing as a career choice? What materials did you use to promote nursing?
- Impact on community: How did this project affect the community? How do you think health will be impacted as a result of this project?
- Image of Nursing: How did this project promote a positive image of nurses?
- Copy of any press releases, promotional materials, or pictures from the event
- Copy of any media coverage (i.e. newspaper clippings, audio/video tapes, photos)



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Community Health and Service

Award Information

The Community Health and Service Award gives recognition to chapters who find time to give back to their community. Nursing is a profession of compassion and caring, and nursing students have the power to positively impact the community around them. Projects considered should promote health and well being, include nursing student involvement, and have a positive impact on the local, state, or national community. There are many opportunities to get involved in helping those in our communities; this gives each chapter a chance to exemplify their accomplishments. This award recognizes those that go above and beyond to give back to their community.

This award is determined by the chapter who organized and held a community service event or project that impacted the community in the greatest way. Please include all required documents. Answer all of the questions that apply to your project found on the application page. Please include names of Community Health Directors if applicable.

The applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Neat and complete application
- Community impact
- Utilization of media coverage
- Originality/creativity
- Positive image of nursing
- Health promotion

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Community Health and Service

Award Submission Information

Award submissions must be e-mailed. Please create a document highlighting your chapter's efforts in an organized manner.

This document **MUST** include:

- School and Nursing Association Chapter Name
- Designated Contact Person with Contact Information
- Title of project
- Date(s) of project
- Site(s) of project
- Indications of the number of nursing and non-nursing students involved
- One statement from a participant describing the impact of the event.
(This can be a written statement or a direct quote.)

This document **MAY** also include:

- The overall and/or specific goals of the project
- Any collaboration with other professions or students, i.e. medical, dental, law, nutrition. Please describe the collaboration.
- Community access. How did you determine the needs of your target population? Did you have any difficulties during the project? How did you react?
- Evaluation of the project. Did you feel it was successful? How did you evaluate the success of the project?
- Impact on community: How did this project affect the community? How do you think health will be impacted as a result of this project?
- Image of Nursing: How did this project promote a positive image of nurses?
- Copy of any press releases, promotional materials, or pictures from the event
- Copy of any media coverage (i.e. newspaper clippings, audio/video tapes, photos)
- Any other information you feel is needed to evaluate your project.

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Political Involvement

Award Information

Nursing students are given many opportunities to get involved in their local, state, and national legislative movements. This award is designed for a chapter that has shown involvement in helping the profession of nursing through their legislative directors or committees.

This applies to any chapter who has advocated for nursing students, or nurses. Please include whether or not your chapter attended the 2017 GNA Legislative Day (Legislative Day). Also include any specific projects or events your chapter has held to help the nursing profession or student nurses.

Please include information on any resolutions that your chapter presented at the 2016 GANS Convention or the 2017 NSNA Convention. Attach any documents you feel necessary, or information about your chapter's legislative involvement.

The applications will be judged on:

- Neat and complete application
- Chapter's involvement in legislative activity
- Chapter's ability to advocate for student nurses or the nursing profession
- Attendance at legislative events

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Political Involvement

Award Submission Information

Award submissions must be e-mailed. Please create a document highlighting your chapter's efforts in an organized manner.

This document **MUST** include:

- School and Nursing Association Chapter Name
- Designated Contact Person with Contact Information
- Title of project
- Date(s) of project
- Site(s) of project
- Indications of the number of nursing and non-nursing students involved
- One statement from a participant describing the impact of the event
- An indication of your chapter's involvement in the 2017 GNA Legislative Day

This document **MAY** also include:

- The overall and/or specific goals of the project
- Any collaboration with other professions or students, i.e. medical, dental, law, nutrition. Please describe collaboration.
- How was the policy process utilized in the project? How did you decide to go about advocating for your cause? What research did you do to find out the best way to influence the policy process?
- Evaluation of the project. Did you feel it was successful?
- Political Outcome: Explain how this project influenced the political/legislative process.
- Copy of any press releases, promotional materials, or pictures from the event.
- Copy of any media coverage (i.e. newspaper clips, audio/video tapes, photos).
- Any other information you feel is relevant to the evaluation of your project.

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Financial Excellence

Award Information

The purpose of the Financial Excellence Award is to create awareness on the part of the school chapters about the elements that contribute to a financially sound chapter. The Financial Excellence Award will be given to the school chapter that has demonstrated excellence in increasing revenues, fundraising, and maintaining a balanced budget. Chapters are encouraged to develop budgets and fundraising activities for the year that reflect the needs and goals of the organization. For example, travel to conventions can be expensive and many schools do incredible fundraisers in order to send students to conventions.

All chapters should think about the financial structure of the organization and how it serves their needs.

The applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Neat and complete application
- Development of a budget
- Demonstration of fundraising efforts
- Proper tracking of monies collected and spent

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Financial Excellence

Award Submission Information

Award submissions must be e-mailed. Please create a document highlighting your chapter's efforts in an organized manner.

This document **MUST** include:

- School and Nursing Association Chapter Name
- Designated Contact Person with Contact Information
- Name of Chapter President and email address
- Name of Treasurer and e-mail address
- Indication of the sources of revenues that the chapter utilizes (i.e. school dues, advertising, fundraising item sales, auctions, donations, scholarships, etc.)
- A copy of your budget for the 2015-2016 academic year

This document **MAY** also include:

- An explanation of how the budget is developed. What planning process does the organization go through?
- A description of the best fundraiser your chapter did this past year. Will you continue it in the future? How can you improve this event?
- An explanation of how you monitor chapter spending.
- An explanation of how chapter funds are spent. What constitutes the majority of your expenses?
- Any additional information you feel is relevant to the evaluation of your financial practices.

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Website of the Year

Award Information

An effective website is essential to ensuring that students across the state can find and learn about individual chapters and their nursing association happenings. The website should be informative, easy to navigate, and eye catching so that anyone who looks at the site can gain information about what makes a successful nursing association.

The applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Neat and complete application
- Visual appeal of website
- Content of website
- Clarity of message on website
- Originality/creativity
- Showcasing of GANS or Chapter activities and events
- Links to NSNA and GANS
- Photos
- Current contact information for the school chapter

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Website of the Year

Award Submission Information

Award submissions must be e-mailed. Please create a document highlighting your chapter's efforts in an organized manner.

This document **MUST** include:

- School and Nursing Association Chapter Name
- Designated Contact Person with Contact Information
- Name of Chapter President and email address
- The Chapter's Website address

This document **MAY** also include:

- Information related to the process of obtaining and choosing content deemed appropriate for the website.
- Information related to the process of creating and maintaining the website. This may include the name of the host site used, URL purchasing process, etc.

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Newsletter of the Year

Award Information

The purpose of the Newsletter of the Year Award is to give recognition to the school chapter that finds time between care plans and case studies to create a newsletter for members. A well-done newsletter can help inform students and faculty of upcoming events and past accomplishments. The newsletter will be judged not only for content, but also for aesthetics. The newsletter should be appealing, easy to read, full of interesting content and showcase the chapter activities.

The applications will be evaluated to the following criteria:

- Neat and complete application
- Visual appeal
- Content
- Clarity of message
- Originality/Creativity
- Showcasing of GANS or Chapter activities and events

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Newsletter of the Year

Award Submission Information

Award submissions will be submitted online. Please create a document highlighting your chapter's efforts in an organized manner.

This document **MUST** include:

- The school and nursing association chapter name.
- The name of the chapter President and their contact information.
- The name of a designated contact person with their contact information.
- Copies of the newsletters created and released throughout the 2015-2016 academic year.

This document **MAY** also include:

- Information related to the process of obtaining and choosing content to be included in the newsletter.
- Information related to the process of creating the newsletter. (i.e., Does your chapter use a template creator?)

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Image of Nursing

Award Information

The purpose of the Image of Nursing Award is to promote a positive image of nursing and demonstrate a significant contribution to the public through community health projects, legislative activism, and health promotion. Nurses and nursing students do incredible work, and this award is designed to get students to think about how to involve the media during projects and events. The winner of this project will demonstrate appropriate use of media coverage for an event or activity and will also promote a positive image of nurses and nursing. Media coverage may include the following: print, video, television coverage, Internet, or radio. Chapters can design a video or project and present it to various media outlets for views (social networking and online views are acceptable).

The applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Neat and complete application
- Community impact
- Utilization of media coverage
- Clarity of message
- Originality/Creativity
- Positive Image of Nursing Projected

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Image of Nursing

Award Submission Information

Award submissions will be submitted online. Please create a document highlighting your chapter's efforts in an organized manner.

This document **MUST** include:

- The school and nursing association chapter name.
- The name of the chapter President and their contact information.
- The name of a designated contact person with their contact information.
- The title of the project.
- The number of nursing and non-nursing students involved.
- The overall and/or specific goals of the project.

This document **MAY** also include:

- The date(s) of the project.
- The site(s) of the project.
- A description of any collaboration with other professions or students (i.e. medical, dental, law, or nutrition students). Please describe the collaboration.
- Information related to media coverage and how it played a role in the project.
- An evaluation of the project. (i.e., Did you feel it was successful?)
- The impact of the project on the public image of nursing. (i.e., How did this project promote a positive image of nursing?)
- Copies of press releases, promotional materials, or pictures from the project.
- Any other information you feel is relevant to the evaluation of your project.

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Advisor of the Year

Award Information

The Georgia Association of Nursing Students recognizes that students can only achieve their highest goals with the mentorship of dedicated and passionate educators and faculty.

Faculty members who go beyond the classroom and commit their time to advising student leaders consistently improve the caliber of nursing student organizations within our state. This purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding faculty advisor who has demonstrated excellent skills in providing guidance or advice to a school's Nursing Student Association.

Advisors considered for nomination should provide motivation and generate enthusiasm for NSNA and the profession of nursing. They must exhibit and teach professionalism.

Furthermore, they should encourage students to continue their education and professional involvement after graduation through both example and advice.

Nominees will be judged based on the criteria required on the award information page. Only one advisor will be chosen, regardless of the size of the school or chapter. All chapters are encouraged to nominate one advisor or faculty member that has impacted your organization and the students within your school.

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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Advisor of the Year

Award Submission Information

Award submissions will be submitted online. Please create a document highlighting the nominee's attributes in an organized manner.

This document **MUST** include:

- The school and nursing association chapter name.
- The name of the chapter President and their contact information.
- The name of a designated contact person with their contact information.
- The name of the advisor being submitted for this award.
- The title/position of the advisor.
- The number of years the advisor has been teaching.
- The list of classes (lecture or clinical) that the advisor currently teaches.
- The list of other schools where the advisor has taught.
- A list of the professional organizations to which the advisor belongs. Please also indicate if the advisor is a sustaining member of NSNA.
- A list of professional organization offices that the advisor has held.
- A list of the committee positions the advisor has held in the past two years.
- A list of the advisor's involvement with student groups in the past two years.
- A copy of the advisor's resume.
- A letter from the nominating student (no longer than two double-spaced pages) that addresses the following items and conveys why the nominator believes the advisor to be deserving of this award.
 - Explain how the advisor provides motivation and generates enthusiasm for student involvement in professional organizations.
 - Explain how the advisor displays a positive image of nursing.
 - Describe how the nominee exhibits and teaches professionalism.
 - Explain how the nominee encourages students to continue their education and professional involvement beyond graduation.

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North District Chapter of the Year

Award Information

The purpose of the *North District Chapter of the Year Award* is to honor a chapter from the North District for their continued excellence. Having a successful school organization requires time, dedication, and perseverance. **All chapters should apply as GANS will evaluate each individually.** This award will be divided into tier one and two. Tier one is any school with more than 50 members in its SNA. Tier two will be any school with less than 50 members in their SNA. GANS wants to reward the chapters with a long history of excellence, as well as those just getting started. Each SNA chapter has something different to offer to GANS, and this is their opportunity to show their uniqueness. In judging this award, we look at a variety of criteria. Membership involvement is an important factor in any organization, so we consider the number of members that have been involved in previous conventions (GANS and NSNA), as well as other leadership and community service activities.

Having strong individual SNA chapters throughout the state is what makes GANS such a diverse and powerful organization. We utilize all of our state chapters and find them a necessity to help nursing students throughout the state and the nation. Along with the application, please include a link to a YouTube video presentation demonstrating all the criteria present on the application under each topic (Political/Legislative, Membership, Community Service/Community Health Activities, Breakthrough to Nursing Activities, State Involvement, and National Involvement).

Feel free to visit the GANS Image of Nursing YouTube submission at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KamR9Iulz74> for an idea of what your presentation could look like.

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North District Chapter of the Year

Award Submission Information

Award submissions will be submitted online. Please create a document highlighting your chapter's efforts in an organized manner.

This year the GANS Board would like to encourage chapters to create a video depicting the highlights of their chapter's achievements in lieu of an extended descriptive report. Therefore, to accompany the video, we ask that each chapter simply upload a document with bulleted highlights related to the information below.

This document **MUST** include:

- The school and nursing association chapter name.
- The name of the chapter President and their contact information.
- The name of a designated contact person with their contact information.
- A direct link to the project video sharing site.
- An indication of the number of nursing students in your school's nursing program.
- An indication of the number of nursing students (and/or pre-nursing students) actively involved in your school's chapter.
- An indication of the number of nursing students (and/or pre-nursing students) from your chapter that are members of NSNA.
- An indication as to whether or not your school is involved in NSNA Total School Enrollment.

This document **MAY** also include:

- Information related to the major achievements of your chapter.
- Information related to how your chapter recruits new members.
- Information related to the Community and Health Service activities your chapter has created or participated in.
- Information related to the Breakthrough to Nursing activities your chapter has created or participated in.
- Information related to the Political or Legislative activities your chapter has created or participated in.
- Information related to your chapter's involvement with GANS and other state-level activities. Please also include the number, if any, of students from your chapter who: attended the 2016 GANS Convention; attended the 2017 COSL; ran for a position on the GANS Board in the last two years and/or served on the GANS Board in the past two years.



- Information related to your chapter's involvement with NSNA and other national-level activities. Please also include the number, if any, of students from your chapter who: attended the 2016 NSNA Mid-Year Convention; attended the 2017 NSNA Annual Convention; ran for a position on the NSNA Board in the last two years and/or served on the NSNA Board in the past two years.
- A list of any national awards or recognition your chapter, or chapter members, have received.
- Any other pertinent information you deem necessary for evaluation.

This award will be divided into tier one and two. Tier one is any school with more than 50 members in its SNA. Tier two will be any school with less than 50 members in its SNA.

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South District Chapter of the Year

Award Information

The purpose of the *South District Chapter of the Year Award* is to honor a chapter from the South District for their continued excellence. Having a successful school organization requires time, dedication, and perseverance. **All chapters should apply as GANS will evaluate each individually.** This award will be divided into tier one and two. Tier one is any school with more than 50 members in its SNA. Tier two will be any school with less than 50 members in their SNA. GANS wants to reward the chapters with a long history of excellence, as well as those just getting started. Each SNA chapter has something different to offer to GANS, and this is their opportunity to show their uniqueness. In judging this award, we look at a variety of criteria. Membership involvement is an important factor in any organization, so we consider the number of members that have been involved in previous conventions (GANS and NSNA), as well as other leadership and community service activities.

Having strong individual SNA chapters throughout the state is what makes GANS such a diverse and powerful organization. We utilize all of our state chapters and find them a necessity to help nursing students throughout the state and the nation. Along with the application, please include a link to a YouTube video presentation demonstrating all the criteria present on the application under each topic (Political/Legislative, Membership, Community Service/Community Health Activities, Breakthrough to Nursing Activities, State Involvement, and National Involvement).

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South District Chapter of the Year

Award Submission Information

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This year the GANS Board would like to encourage chapters to create a video depicting the highlights of their chapter's achievements in lieu of an extended descriptive report. Therefore, to accompany the video, we ask that each chapter simply upload a document with bulleted highlights related to the information below.

This document **MUST** include:

- The school and nursing association chapter name.
- The name of the chapter President and their contact information.
- The name of a designated contact person with their contact information.
- A direct link to the project video sharing site.
- An indication of the number of nursing students in your school's nursing program.
- An indication of the number of nursing students (and/or pre-nursing students) actively involved in your school's chapter.
- An indication of the number of nursing students (and/or pre-nursing students) from your chapter that are members of NSNA.
- An indication as to whether or not your school is involved in NSNA Total School Enrollment.

This document **MAY** also include:

- Information related to the major achievements of your chapter.
- Information related to how your chapter recruits new members.
- Information related to the Community and Health Service activities your chapter has created or participated in.
- Information related to the Breakthrough to Nursing activities your chapter has created or participated in.
- Information related to the Political or Legislative activities your chapter has created or participated in.
- Information related to your chapter's involvement with GANS and other state-level activities. Please also include the number, if any, of students from your chapter who: attended the 2016 GANS Convention; attended the 2017 COSL; ran for a position on the GANS Board in the last two years and/or served on the GANS Board in the past two years.



- Information related to your chapter's involvement with NSNA and other national-level activities. Please also include the number, if any, of students from your chapter who: attended the 2016 NSNA Mid-Year Convention; attended the 2017 NSNA Annual Convention; ran for a position on the NSNA Board in the last two years and/or served on the NSNA Board in the past two years.
- A list of any national awards or recognition your chapter, or chapter members, have received.
- Any other pertinent information you deem necessary for evaluation.

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East District Chapter of the Year

Award Information

The purpose of the *East District Chapter of the Year Award* is to honor a chapter from the East District for their continued excellence. Having a successful school organization requires time, dedication, and perseverance. **All chapters should apply as GANS will evaluate each individually.** This award will be divided into tier one and two. Tier one is any school with more than 50 members in its SNA. Tier two will be any school with less than 50 members in their SNA. GANS wants to reward the chapters with a long history of excellence, as well as those just getting started. Each SNA chapter has something different to offer to GANS, and this is their opportunity to show their uniqueness. In judging this award, we look at a variety of criteria. Membership involvement is an important factor in any organization, so we consider the number of members that have been involved in previous conventions (GANS and NSNA), as well as other leadership and community service activities.

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East District Chapter of the Year

Award Submission Information

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- Information related to the Community and Health Service activities your chapter has created or participated in.
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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

West District Chapter of the Year

Award Information

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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Dr. Virginia M. Harmeyer Scholarship

Award Information

Dr. Virginia M. Harmeyer, Dean Emeritus at Valdosta State University initiated this scholarship based on academic achievement, financial need, and student leadership involvement in community activities related to health care and an active interest in the professional organizations in Nursing.

In recognition of her generosity and support this scholarship will be awarded to the nursing student who best meets the following criteria:

- The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in an ADN or BSN program
- within the state of Georgia.
- The applicant must be a current member in good standing of NSNA and GANS.
- The applicant should document involvement in GANS activities, school of nursing activities, other collegiate activities, and community activities.
- The applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA and must send an official school transcript with this completed application.
- The applicant should provide a resume, listing any honors, awards, or offices held in any past organizations.
- The applicant should include an essay describing his/her reasons for applying for this scholarship.
- The applicant should have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, chapter advisor, or Dean from the applicant's school of nursing sent to GANS on his or her behalf.

The recipient of this award will receive a certificate and monetary scholarship.

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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Dr. Virginia M. Harmeyer Scholarship

Award Submission Information

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- The name of a designated contact person with their contact information.
- The name of the nominee and their contact information.
- The nominee's NSNA membership number.
- The expected graduation date of the nominee.
- The current cumulative GPA of the nominee.
- A personal statement from the nominee detailing why they are applying for this scholarship as well as their personal goals within the profession of nursing. This should be no more than two typed, double spaced pages.

This document **MAY** also include:

- A list of any organization elected offices held by the nominee.
- A list of any committees the nominee has served on with details on their role.
- A list of any accomplishments while in nursing school.
- A list of any community involvement or volunteer activities of the nominee.
- A list of any scholarships or awards the nominee has received.
- A list of any chapter, GANS, or NSNA events that the nominee has attended.

***Separately:**

- The nominee's official transcript is required to be sent via email to Michael Stone at gansawards@gmail.com. If this is not possible, please obtain a sealed, official transcript and have your faculty advisor scan and email it to maintain integrity.
- A letter of recommendation from an instructor, school chapter advisor, or the Dean/Director of the nominee's nursing program emailed to Michael Stone at gansawards@gmail.com.



Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Emily McNelly Scholarship

Award Information

Emily McNelley was responsible for establishing the Student Nurses Association in Georgia (SNAG), now known as the Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS). The Member of the Year award was established in her name. This award gives recognition to the GANS member who best exhibits leadership, scholarship, advocacy, and a passion for the art of nursing. To receive this award is a great honor; the winning applicant must demonstrate his/her commitment to nursing, clinical practice, and professional development. ***Each school chapter may only submit ONE candidate.***

This award will be given to the nursing student who best meets the following criteria:

- The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in an ADN or BSN program within the state of Georgia.
- Active participation in NSNA and GANS is required. The applicant should plan to be at the GANS Fall Convention.
- The applicant must have the ability to balance leadership, scholarship, chapter involvement, and community service.
- The applicant should embody the qualities of patience, enthusiasm, caring, and a love of nursing.
- A copy of the applicant's resume highlighting academic and organizational involvement should also be included.
- A letter of recommendation highlighting leadership, academics, and clinical proficiency from a faculty member, chapter advisor, or Dean from the applicant's school of nursing must be included.

The recipient of this award will receive a certificate and monetary prize.

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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Emily McNelly Scholarship

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- The name of the nominee and their contact information.
- The nominee's NSNA membership number.
- The expected graduation date of the nominee.
- Information related to the impact that the nominee has had upon their chapter. This should include specific activities or offices held.
- A statement from the nominee discussing their beliefs about the role of professional organizations in the future of nursing.

This document **MAY** also include:

- A list of any organization elected offices held by the nominee.
- A list of any committees the nominee has served on with details on their role.
- A list of any accomplishments while in nursing school.
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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Karl Lipinski Male Nursing Scholarship

Award Information

The Karl Lipinski Diamond Scholarship is awarded to a male member of the Georgia Association of Nursing Students. Karl Lipinski was the President of GANS in 1999-2000 and wished to establish this scholarship to encourage men to enter the field of nursing; however, with his death in 2001, the creation of this scholarship was delayed. The GANS Executive Board of 2002-2003 named this scholarship in honor of Karl Lipinski.

This scholarship award is based on academic achievement, student leadership, and involvement in community activities related to health care.

This scholarship will be awarded to the MALE nursing student who best meets the following criteria:

- The applicant must be enrolled in an ADN or BSN program within the state of Georgia.
- The applicant must be a current member in good standing of NSNA and GANS.
- Active participation should be exhibited in NSNA and GANS activities, community service, and the present and future planning for student nursing.
- The applicant must have a 3.0 GPA and must attach an official school transcript with this completed application.
- The applicant should have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, chapter advisor, or Dean from the applicant's school of nursing sent to GANS on his behalf.

The recipient of this award will receive a certificate, and a monetary prize.

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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Karl Lipinski Male Nursing Scholarship

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- The expected graduation date of the nominee.
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- A personal statement from the nominee detailing why they are applying for this scholarship as well as a brief description related to how the nominee believes GANS can best influence men to pursue a career in nursing.

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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Mary Long - BTN Scholarship

Award Information

Mary Long has served as the Second Vice President of the American Nurses Association, on the Board of Trustees of the American Nurses Foundation, as President of the Georgia Nurses Association, and as the President of the Georgia Nurses Foundation. Long started her career at Grady Memorial Hospital as a staff, then becoming charge nurse and later Director, Community Health/Central Referral. She was the first Black elected President of the Georgia Nurses Association, the first minority Chairperson for Georgia Nurses (GNA) Political Action Committee.

The award promotes diversity in the profession of nursing. This individual should demonstrate leadership and participation in activities highlighting cultural understanding and mentoring relationships. The BTN projects are intended to increase diversity in nursing by recruiting members from underrepresented populations, and by increasing cultural sensitivity and tolerance in all nurses.

This scholarship will be awarded to the nursing student who best meets these criteria:

- The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in Georgia.
- The applicant must be a current member in good standing of NSNA and GANS.
- The applicant must be involved in state or national BTN activities.
- The applicant should have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, chapter advisor, or Dean from the applicant's school of nursing sent to GANS on his or her behalf.

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Georgia Association of Nursing Students

Mary Long - BTN Scholarship

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- The expected graduation date of the nominee.
- The current cumulative GPA of the nominee.
- A personal statement from the nominee detailing their participation in BTN events over the past year and how they believe GANS can promote diversity in nursing.

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