

## Annual South Carolina School Nurse (RN) of the Year Award (2021-22)

The SC School Nurse (RN) of the Year Award is presented annually by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control and the SC Department of Education to publicly recognize the outstanding contributions of a Registered Nurse (RN) providing school health services in our state. The awards are usually presented each year at the Annual School Nurse Conference, which became the South Carolina Association of School Nurse's Winter Conference in 2019. This school year with the conference cancelled due to COVID 19, we still want to have the opportunity to recognize an exemplary RN in a safe and virtual manner with a more formal recognition at the next in person conference. The school nurse annual awards are an acknowledgement by your peers of the example of excellence which you demonstrate to your fellow nurses and to the school community you serve. Nominators may nominate more than one RN for this award, but not more than one RN from the same school district.

To nominate an RN for this award:

1. Read the Nomination Process Overview and the Nomination Packet Requirements on the following pages. Pay close attention to the "Eligibility Criteria" and the "Weighting Factors".
2. Complete and electronically submit Nomination Packet Requirements (Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4) by April 1, 2022.

***PLEASE SUBMIT your package electronically by midnight April 1, 2022. All documents must be scanned as attachments. Please indicate on the email how many pages are scanned and included in each section of your application. Please request a read-receipt when emailing your completed packet.***

**Send To:** Victoria Ladd at [laddvj@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:laddvj@dhec.sc.gov)

**Subject Line:** SC School Nurse RN of the Year

**Please note that this is not an encrypted email.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Victoria Ladd at 803-429-9078.

**ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL NURSE (RN) OF THE YEAR AWARD (2021-2022)**  
**Nomination Process Overview**

- I. Purpose:** To annually select and publicly recognize a Registered Nurse (RN) providing health services in a school in South Carolina for her/his outstanding contributions in the field of school nursing.
- II. Eligibility Criteria:**
- A. Nominee:
- RN currently employed to work full time in a school setting in South Carolina.
  - Consistently demonstrates outstanding commitment, competence and compassion in the provision of school health services.
  - Minimum of three years experience in school nursing.
  - Previous nomination does not preclude re-nomination.
  - Past recipients may not be re-nominated.
  - Nominee agrees that information submitted is accurate as evidenced by signature on the Nomination Cover Page.
- B. Nomination Packet
- Full completion and submission of Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the nomination packet.
  - Nomination supported by a principal at a school that the RN serves as evidenced by signature on the Nomination Cover Page.
  - Nomination supported by an RN currently practicing school nursing in South Carolina as evidenced by signature on the Nomination Cover Page. An RN may complete her/his own nomination packet; however, must secure the support of another school nurse (RN) practicing in South Carolina to serve as the nominator on the Nomination Cover Page.
  - Nomination submission includes all documents scanned and attached to email.
  - Nomination packet electronically submitted on or before April 1, 2022.
- III. Selection Process:**
- A. Nomination instructions and forms will be distributed to nurses practicing in school settings.
- B. All complete nomination packets received on or before the deadline date of April 1, 2022 will be considered for the award.
- C. A Selection Committee will be appointed by the State School Nurse Consultant. The Selection Committee will consist of five RNs who practice in a school setting in South Carolina.
- D. All complete nomination packets will be distributed to the Selection Committee.
- E. The Selection Committee members, acting with complete regard for confidentiality, will individually evaluate the nomination packets based on the eligibility and weighting criteria noted in sections II and IV. Each Selection Committee member will select her/his choice for the School Nurse (RN) of the Year and return the name of the selected candidate to the State School Nurse Consultant.

- F. The State School Nurse Consultant will work with the School Nurse Conference Planning Committee to tally the results and finalize plans for presenting the award virtually and at the Annual School Nurse Conference.
- G. The nominee who receives the most votes will be named School Nurse (RN) of the Year.
- H. The decision of the Committee is final and not open to appeal. All ballots will be destroyed upon notification of the selected nominee.

**IV. Weighting Factors:**

- A. Evidence of ability to work with individuals, agencies and organizations in the community.
- B. Evidence that nominee is actively seeking advancement through formal nursing education and/or continuing education activities.
- C. Evidence to support membership and active participation in a nursing organization such as the American Nurses Association/SC Nurses Association or the National Association of School Nurses/SC Association of School Nurses.
- D. Evidence to support each of the seven (7) components to the question in Part 3 of the Nomination Packet Requirements.

**Check List for Nomination Packet Submission**

*This check list is provided for convenience. All of the conditions noted in the Process Overview and Nomination Packet Requirements must be met.*

- Part 1: RN Nomination Cover Page
  - All information complete
  - All required signatures documented
- Part 2: Nursing Practice
  - List completed by RN or LPN practicing school nursing in South Carolina
- Part 3: Summary Paragraph
  - Each of the **7 components** addressed in one page or less (Ariel 10-12 point font with ½” margins)
- Part 4: Letters of Endorsement
- Nomination submission includes completed nomination packet scanned and attached
- Retain a copy of nomination packet for nominator and nominee
- Nomination submission must be electronically submitted on or before April 1, 2022

# Nomination Packet Requirements: SC School Nurse (RN) of the Year (2021-2022)

## Part 1: Cover Page (Use of this page is required.)

### I/We wish to place in nomination:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Employed Full Time in School Setting:  Yes  No

Number of Years of School Nursing Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Is nominee a past recipient of the SC School Nurse (RN) of the Year Award?  Yes  No

### Name(s) of Person(s) Submitting Nomination:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Nurse Submitting Nomination (if different from above)

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Submitting Nomination  
(required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of RN Submitting Nomination  
(required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal  
(required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Submission  
(required)

### Signature of Nominee:

I have reviewed the nomination packet being submitted on my behalf and I humbly acknowledge that the information is accurate.

Signature of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

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## Part 2: Nursing Practice

Note: An RN practicing school nursing in South Carolina must complete this section.

### List the Nominee's:

A) Professional nursing involvement in professional organizations, committees, office held, etc.:

B) Work-related activities:

C) Civic and/or community activities:

D) Honors and Awards received:

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### **Part 3: Summary**

*Note: An RN practicing school nursing in South Carolina must complete this section.*

What do you consider to be the major contributions of the nominee in the field of school nursing? Write a brief summation, using the seven (7) areas listed below. Please use the Ariel font in 10 or 12 pt. with ½” margins. Your response may be no longer than one (1) page.

1. Quality of Practice: Systematically reviews outcomes and implements changes to enhance the quality and effectiveness of nursing practice; integrates evidenced-based interventions and research findings into practice.
  2. Program Management: Manages school health services; completes health needs assessments and develops health plans to meet desired outcomes; evaluates the work of others trained to provide health services.
  3. Leadership: Provides leadership in the professional practice setting and the profession.
  4. Education: Attains knowledge and competency that reflects current school nursing practice.
  5. Collaboration: Collaborates with the client, the family, school staff, and others in the conduct of school nursing practice.
  6. Environmental Health: Promotes practices that result in a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.
  7. Resource Utilization: Makes appropriate use of available resources (e.g. technology, staff, community resources) to meet the health needs of students and advocates for resources that would enhance school nursing practice.
- ❖ You may find it helpful to review School Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice (ANA/NASN).

### **Part 4: Letters of Endorsement**

You may submit no more than 4 (four) letters of endorsement. They may be from disciplines other than nursing. Each letter should be brief: no longer than 1 page in length.