

2010 nurse of the year categories

Any member of the western Washington community has the opportunity to nominate a Registered Nurse or Nurse Case Manager for the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Awards. Select one category for each nominee. The Selection Committee reserves the right to reclassify a nominee at its sole discretion. The public is encouraged to nominate a nurse for the "Patient/Clinical Care" category for excellent care that he or she provided to you.

* Patient/Clinical Care

RNs who demonstrate excellence in delivering care directly to the patient in any clinical setting

* Leadership

RNs who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in nursing or patient care services in any setting

* Innovation/Creativity

RNs who have made innovative/creative contributions that have improved patient care

* Education

RNs who have made significant contributions in education, professional development, and/or long-term learning of nursing professionals

* Research/Advancing the Profession

RNs who have made contributions that have advanced research or advanced the nursing profession

* Advocacy for Patients

RNs who go beyond the call of duty to advocate for patients

* Community Service

RNs who have made significant professional or voluntary contributions in community-based settings, such as public schools or community outreach efforts

* Mentoring

RNs who provide positive professional influence, guidance, and support of other nurses in any setting

* School Nurse

RNs who provide direct care to children in grades K-12 and have made a lasting contribution to the health of students

* Rising Star

RNs who, within the first 18 months of practice or Case Managers who, within 3 years in a Case Management role, exemplify outstanding caring, leadership and professionalism

* New Generation

A nursing student who has demonstrated outstanding professionalism and mastered the coursework necessary for a successful nursing career

* Perinatal/Pediatric

RNs whose influence and service in the care of pregnant mothers and babies exemplifies the mission of the March of Dimes to improve the health of babies

* Distinguished Nurse of the Year*

RNs whose contributions and accomplishments have had an extraordinary influence within the nursing profession in Western Washington

* Legend of Nursing

A retired RN who has paved the way for other nurses by pioneering an innovative and legendary medical practice, procedure or treatment

* Note: Only hospital administrators or nursing supervisors may nominate RNs for this category.

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nomination application

You can nominate a nurse - look inside!
Nominations due November 1, 2010

The Western Washington
Nurse of the Year Awards Breakfast
9:00-10:30am

thursday, december 9

Meydenbauer Conference Center
11100 NE 6th Street, Bellevue WA 98004

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What are the Nurse of the Year Awards?

The March of Dimes established Nurse of the Year in 2003 to honor outstanding Western Washington nurses. Recipients are chosen in 14 categories for contributions that have made significant impact in their community, on their patients, and to the profession of nursing. Support a nurse with your nomination today!

How to Nominate a Nurse

Any member of the Western Washington community has the opportunity to nominate a nurse. Nominations can be made by the general public, members of the healthcare profession, co-workers, patients, friends, family members, businesses, and organizations. To nominate an outstanding nurse, choose from the categories on the back page, provide the information requested and submit to:

March of Dimes-Nurse of the Year
1904 3rd Avenue, Suite 230
Seattle, WA 98101

- Completed nominations must be received at the March of Dimes office no later than November 1, 2010.
- Nominees will be notified by the March of Dimes.
- The nominee will be provided a complimentary seat at the awards breakfast.

Who is eligible for nomination?

- Any RN working at any staff level in Western Washington, who is in good standing with the Washington State Nursing Commission.
- A resident of Western Washington (minimum of one year).
- In good standing at place of employment.
- Any student currently enrolled in a nursing program in Western Washington is eligible for the New Generation category.
- Nominations for Nurse Case Managers are encouraged.

Questions?

Contact us at 206.624.1373 or 1.800.291.3463. The nomination form is also available for download at www.marchofdimes.com/washington

The Award Selection Process

A selection committee of nursing executives will review the nominations. All forms are strictly monitored to ensure that selection committee members are "blinded" to names during the judging process. Recipients in each category will be selected and announced at the awards breakfast on December 9, 2010 at the Meydenbauer Conference Center. Nominees will be listed in the Nurse of the Year program and recognized in media announcements before and after the awards breakfast.

Selection Committee

Syd Bersante, BSN, MBA
– St. Joseph's Medical Center, Franciscan Health System

Doris Boutain, RN, PhD
– UW School of Nursing

Katy Brock, RN, MN
– Providence Regional Medical Center Everett

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– UW Medicine, Harborview Medical Center

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– Seattle Children's Hospital

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– Harrison Medical Center

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– King County Nurses Association

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– Mary Bridge Children's Hospital & Health Center, MultiCare

Annette Stier, MN, RNC
– Providence St. Peter Hospital

Sally Watkins, PhD, RN
– Washington State Nurses Association

2010 nurse of the year nomination form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nomination category: _____ # years as Washington resident: _____
(please select ONE from category listing on back page)

Name of nominee: _____ Work phone number: _____

Professional credentials (i.e. RN): _____ Job title: _____

Employer/Organization: _____ Department: _____

Nominee's complete work address: _____

Nominee's daytime phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Supervisor's name: _____ Supervisor's work phone number: _____

Supervisor's e-mail: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominated by: _____ E-mail: _____

Business/Organization/Affiliation: _____

Nominator's complete address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

1. Please include nominee's work history, resumé, or curriculum vitae.

2. To be submitted with nomination form:

In 500 words or less (2 typed pages), describe why you feel this nominee deserves the Nurse of the Year Award. Include specific examples of their hands-on care accomplishments. Please remember to limit your comments to **no more than 500 words**.

Please address the following in your comments:

1. Describe your affiliation with the nominee.
2. Cite two specific examples of ways in which the nominee demonstrates the qualifications in his/her nomination category.
3. Cite two specific examples of ways in which the nominee has significantly enhanced the image of nursing in his/her nomination category.
4. How does the nominee project a strong leadership image among peers to affect positive change in the profession and/or workplace?
5. Any additional information that might be relevant.

NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS EVENT INFORMATION

Reservations for nominators, friends and family may be purchased for \$40 each by contacting the March of Dimes office at 206.624.1373, or by sending payment with the nomination ballot. Remember, you need not purchase a ticket for your nominee. His or her breakfast will be complimentary.

Total nominations submitted _____ Total reservations purchased (\$40 each) _____

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