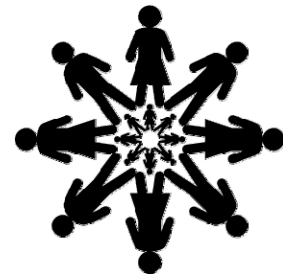


WASN

Wisconsin Association of School Nurses



PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR KATHERYN ETTER SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURPOSE:

To publicly honor the contributions of school nurses statewide by honoring one school nurse annually who has demonstrated excellence in his/her school nursing practice.

SPONSOR:

Wisconsin Association of School Nurses (WASN)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. One or more nominees from each WASN District.
2. Nominee must be a registered professional nurse and a member of WASN for the current year.
3. Nominee must be currently practicing full-time as a school nurse. Full-time is defined as working the full position that is available. If the only School Nurse position in that community involves fewer hours than usual full-time, it will be considered full-time for the purposes of this eligibility criteria.
4. Nominee may not be on the WASN Board of Directors or an officer of WASN at the time of nomination.
5. Evidence of excellence in school nursing practice must be presented.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

1. Quality of Practice - Systematically enhances the quality and effectiveness of school nursing practice.
2. Education - Attains knowledge and competency that reflects current nursing practice and shares this knowledge with others.
3. Collaboration – Collaborates with the client, the family, school staff, and community organizations to promote school health.
4. Research – Integrates research findings into school nurse practice.
5. Leadership – Provides leadership in school health services and the profession of school nursing.

Standards of School Nursing Practice –National Association of School Nurses

Standard 1: CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE: The school nurse utilizes a distinct knowledge base for decision-making in nursing practice.

Standard 2: NURSING PROCESS: The school nurse uses a systematic approach to problem solving in nursing practice.

Standard 3: CLIENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS: The school nurse contributes to the education of the client with special health needs by assessing the client, planning and providing appropriate nursing care, and evaluating the identified outcomes.

Standard 4: COMUNICATION: The school nurse uses effective written, verbal, and nonverbal communication skills.

Standard 5: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT: The school nurse establishes and maintains a comprehensive school health program.

Standard 6: COLLABORATION WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM: The school nurse collaborates with other school health professionals, parents, and caregivers to meet the health, developmental, and educational needs of clients.

Standard 7: COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS: The school nurse collaborates with members of the community in the delivery of health and social services, and utilizes knowledge of community health systems and resources to function as a school-community liaison.

Standard 8: HEALTH EDUCATION: The school nurse assists students, families, and the school community to achieve optimal levels of wellness through appropriately designed and delivered health education.

Standard 9: RESARCH: The school nurse contributes to nursing and school health through innovations in practice and participation in research or research-related activities.

Standard 10: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: The school nurse identifies, delineates, and clarifies the nursing role, promotes quality of care, pursues continued professional enhancement, and demonstrates professional conduct.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION:

1. Nominations can be made by school nurse colleagues, school staff, administrators, supervisors, teachers, parents, students, community members, or others.
2. Information must be submitted in an organized form in an 8 1/2" by 11" flat folder. (No ring binders).
3. Include in the nomination folder:
 - a. WASN Katheryn Etter School Nurse of the Year Nomination Form.
 - b. Current resume/curriculum vitae including education, awards, committees, membership in professional organizations, certifications, etc.
 - c. Supportive letters of recommendation. Maximum of three (3) letters each limited to one (1) page:
 - Letters may be from school nurse colleagues, administrators, supervisors, teachers, parents, students, or others.
 - Letters should describe specific issues or topics related to nominee's qualifications for the award. See selection criteria and Standards of School Nursing Practice.
 - Letters should directly reflect areas of rating that the writer wishes to emphasize. Please spell out local and affiliate acronyms when used for the first time.
4. Submit the original and **three copies** of the completed nomination folder, **postmarked no later than February 29, 2012** to WASN President Elect/ Chairperson of the School Nurse of the Year Committee:

Louise Wilson
Beaver Dam Unified School District
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Beaver Dam WI, 53916

