

## GUIDELINES FOR VNSA AWARDS

### NURSING STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Nominee must be an active member of the VNSA. One faculty member and one student must fill out the nomination form. A total of two forms are required. Self-nomination is acceptable. VNSA/NSNA Board of Directors are ineligible. Nomination forms must be submitted by 10:00 am on the day of the Annual Convention.

### MOST SUPPORTIVE FACULTY MEMBER

This award is given to the faculty member who has been nominated to be the most supportive of VNSA activities. Complete the application form and describe the manner in which the support has been given. Nomination forms must be submitted by 10:00 am on the day of the Annual Convention.

### MOST ACTIVE CONSTITUENCY AWARD (MAC)

This award is given to the VNSA Chapter that has shown the greatest amount of activity during the past year. Written documentation must be submitted according to the criteria. Awards will be given for first place and runner up. Deadline for the submission of MAC books is 10:00 am on the day of the Annual Convention.

#### MAC Award Categories:

75 points	Bronze
150 points	Silver
250 points	Gold
>250 points	Platinum

MAC books must be organized in order of categories and must be pre-scored by NSA President or Faculty Advisor. **If MAC books are not pre-scored, they will be immediately disqualified.**

## MOST OUTSTANDING STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

This award is given to the chapter whose community service project demonstrated an appropriate community needs assessment, significant scope of the problem addressed, creativity and originality of the intervention and participation in the project by a respectable number of chapter members. Documentation may be through minutes, flyers, photos, etc. Awards will be given for first place and runner up. Deadline for receipt of completed documentation is 10:00 am on the day of the Annual Convention.

## SCRAPBOOK CONTEST AWARDS

Scrapbooks may include pictures and memorabilia. Outstanding covers will be recognized in the judging. Scrapbooks must be submitted by 10:00 am on the day of the Annual Convention. Awards will be given for first place and runner up. Ceremony. Once scrapbooks have been deposited with the Board of Directors, they will not be for public viewing until the judging has been completed.

## Torch Writing Contest

Short story or essays following the guidelines on this website will be judged based upon content and originality. First Place Winner will be awarded \$50 and also have their writing published in the next Torch Newsletter. Second Place Winner will receive free registration to the VNSA 56th Annual Convention. Deadline for this award must be submitted to VNSA by October 31, 2007. Send submission or questions to the Torch Editor at [vnsatorcheditor@gmail.com](mailto:vnsatorcheditor@gmail.com)

Or mail to :

VNSA-Creative Writing Contest: Torch Editor  
P.O. Box 1843  
Charlottesville, VA 22903-0543

## New Excellence in Break Through to Nursing

Excellence in Break Through to Nursing Award to one chapter who strives for excellence in BTN on a national, state, and/or local level. The project will be judged on creativity, effectiveness (number or people reached), and quality. Chapters applying for this award should submit a paper (maximum one page) describing the project and application form. The chapter must also submit a poster with brief overview and visual proof of the project. Paper, poster, and form should be submitted by 10:00 am on the day of convention.

*NEW* BTN Single Parent Scholarship

The VNSA Single Parent Scholarship was created to address the nursing shortage by providing encouragement and support to single parents entering or enrolled in an accredited nursing program. The recipient of this scholarship will demonstrate a passion for the nursing profession and exemplify the desire to become a nurse practitioner. The deadline to apply is December 15<sup>th</sup> every year. Award Amount: \$1000

*NEW* BTN Second Degree Scholarship

The VNSA Second Degree Scholarship was created to address this need by providing encouragement and support to students who possess a four year degree or higher and are entering or enrolled in an accredited nursing program. The recipient of this scholarship will demonstrate a passion for the nursing profession and exemplify the desire to become a nurse practitioner. The deadline to apply is December 15<sup>th</sup> every year. Award amount \$500.

**\*\*\*\* Award forms and grading criteria are subject to change. Please review [www.vnsa.us](http://www.vnsa.us) before submitting awards this year\*\*\*\***