



NAINA BIENNIAL 2026 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

NAINA Nurse Administrator Award

The **NAINA Nurse Administrator Award** recognizes nurse leaders who demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation, and excellence in healthcare administration. These individuals contribute to improved patient care, organizational performance, and community service at local, national, or international levels.

Criteria for the Nominees:

1. Be an active and paid virtual member of a NAINA or local chapter of NAINA
2. Actively involved in the activities of the local chapter or NAINA.
3. Be present at the awards ceremony at the biennial conference to receive the award.
4. Nurses currently serving in a nursing leadership or administrative role (e.g., CNL, CNO, Nursing Supervisor, Nurse Directors, Nurse Manager, or any healthcare executive role) for at least two years.
5. Demonstrates outstanding leadership contributions in healthcare administration, including:
 - Improving quality of care and patient outcomes
 - Enhancing operational efficiency and workforce performance
 - Leading strategic initiatives or organizational growth
 - Supporting and advancing healthcare services within the community

Documents to be Attached:

1. Nomination Narrative
 - A brief write-up (no more than 200 words) explaining the reason for nomination, highlighting leadership impact, achievements, and contributions to healthcare.
2. Professional Photograph
3. Evidence of leadership impact

A supporting statement or attestation from someone in a supervisory role at their workplace, demonstrating leadership contributions, such as quality improvement initiatives, operational or system improvements, program development or implementation, or organizational or community impact.

4. Include additional certifications, leadership training, or career advancements (if any).



Please refer to the Rubric section below for award eligibility, evaluation criteria, and scoring details.

Warm regards,

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NAINA Nurse Administration Award Rubric

Criteria	Exemplary- (5)	Accomplished (3)	Developing (1)
Leadership Excellence & Impact	Led major quality improvement (QI), policy, or operational initiatives; introduced innovative leadership strategies; actively mentored staff.	Contributed significantly through mentoring, precepting, or participation in leadership initiatives.	Limited leadership or innovation; minimal contributions beyond routine role.
Organizational & System Impact	Created lasting improvements in healthcare systems, workforce performance, or community health initiatives.	Contributed to system or organizational improvements with moderate impact.	Minimal impact on systems or organizational outcomes.
Professional Development/Education	Achieved higher degree and certification	Achieved more than one professional certification	Achieved one professional certification
Community Services / Charity Initiatives	Leads multiple impactful community outreach, health promotion, or charitable initiatives benefiting diverse populations.	Participate in several community service or charitable initiatives.	Limited or occasional involvement in community service.
Professional Engagement	Both Local and National level	National level	Local Level