



NAINA BIENNIAL 2026 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

NAINA Excellence Beyond Nursing Award

The *NAINA Excellence Beyond Nursing Award* honors members who have demonstrated outstanding achievements, talents, or contributions in areas beyond the field of nursing. This award recognizes the diverse skills and passions of NAINA members that positively impact their communities and professions outside of nursing.

Nomination Criteria:

1. Must be an active virtual or local chapter member of NAINA.
2. Must be actively involved in the activities of a local chapter or NAINA at the organizational level.
3. Must demonstrate excellence or notable achievement in a non-nursing field or have a unique talent (e.g., art, sports/fitness/yoga/martial arts, culinary, lifestyle skills, and unique hobbies).
4. Must have made a meaningful and positive impact.
5. Must be present at the biennial conference awards ceremony to receive the award.

Documents to be attached:

1. Nomination (A narrative of less than 200 words explaining the reason for the nomination).
2. Professional photograph.
3. Any supporting documents to show the evidence of the activity/talent/accomplishment.

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

Warm regards,
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NAINA Excellence Beyond Nursing Award Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (5 points)	Great (3 points)	Basic (1 point)
Achievement Beyond Nursing	Outstanding excellence or recognition (awards, certifications, public recognition).	Clear achievement or recognition in a non-nursing field or talent area.	Limited involvement or early-stage engagement in a non-nursing field.
Impact Beyond Nursing	Significant impact on communities or industries outside nursing.	Positive contributions impacting a community or group.	Limited or unclear impact beyond personal involvement.
Uniqueness & Talent	Highly distinctive, innovative, or exceptional talent.	Shows creativity or uniqueness.	Common talent with limited distinction.
Documentation & Evidence	Strong, compelling evidence demonstrating excellence.	Adequate documentation supporting achievements.	Minimal or incomplete documentation.
Professional Engagement	Significant contribution in both local and National.	Significant contribution in National	Significant contribution in Local