



## **NAINA BIENNIAL 2026 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **NAINA Nurse Informatics Award**

The NAINA nurse informatics award recognizes nurses who demonstrate leadership, innovation, and excellence in leveraging technology to enhance patient care, optimize clinical workflows, and advance healthcare outcomes.

#### **Criteria for the Nominees:**

1. Must be an active virtual or local chapter member of NAINA.
2. Actively involved in the activities of the local chapter or NAINA.
3. Be present at the awards ceremony of the biennial conference to receive the award.
4. Current licensed practicing nurse informaticists within an organization for at least two years.
5. Has accomplished clinical system development or implemented clinical tools to optimize and improve patient outcome, consumer experience, or clinical workflow.

#### **Documents to be attached:**

1. Nomination (A narrative of less than 200 words explaining the reason for the nomination)
2. Professional photograph/ Headshot
3. Evidence of clinical system development or implementation of clinical tools to optimize and improve patient/consumer/clinical workflow (Eg: A write up attested by either the supervisor at work or the chapter president). Include additional certifications or career advancement 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 Informatics Award Rubric 25 Points

| Criteria                                                    | 5 Exemplary                                                                                                                                                    | 3 Accomplished                                                                                         | 1 Developing                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Experience</b>                                           | >5 years as a licensed practicing nurse informaticist.                                                                                                         | >3 years as a licensed practicing nurse informaticist.                                                 | >2 years as a licensed practicing nurse informaticist.                    |
| <b>Professional Engagement</b>                              | Significant contribution in both local and National.                                                                                                           | Significant contribution in National                                                                   | Significant contribution in Local                                         |
| <b>Impact and excellence</b>                                | Demonstrated outstanding and measurable improvements in patient outcomes, safety, or user experience through informatics solutions; exceeded the expectations. | Achieved notable improvements in clinical outcomes or workflow efficiency; met professional standards. | Minimal improvements with limited measurable impact.                      |
| <b>Leadership &amp; Contributions to Informatics</b>        | Led major informatics initiatives (EHR optimization, clinical tools, data systems), introduced innovative solutions, and mentored others.                      | Contributed significantly to informatics projects and supported adoption or training efforts.          | Limited leadership; minimal involvement beyond assigned responsibilities. |
| <b>Professional Education/Certification / Accreditation</b> | Achieved higher degree and certification                                                                                                                       | Achieved more than one professional certification                                                      | Achieved one professional certification                                   |