

NCONL Exemplary District Award

The Exemplary District Award recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions made by district representatives that strengthen NCONL's voice through a highly engaged membership. This prestigious award honors districts who demonstrate exceptional leadership in enhancing and supporting NCONL's professional community, breaking down barriers and opening doors for emerging nurse leaders, shaping the narrative of nurses' contributions to healthy communities, and supporting nurse advocacy.

District representatives can self-nominate their district, and the application must include letters of support from 2 district members.

District applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria: 1) selection of elements (with more points assigned to districts that demonstrate performance in more than two elements); 2) relevance of examples provided; 3) clarity and organization of the application; and 4) evidence of success in their initiatives.

Please select a minimum of 2 elements of performance from the list below and provide examples of how the district strengthens NCONL's voice through highly engaged membership:

1. Enhancing and Supporting NCONL's Professional Community

- a. Example: The district organizes regular networking events, professional development workshops for district members, fostering a strong sense of community and collaboration among nurse leaders.
- b. Example: The district disseminates evidence-based practice at local, state, and national conferences through posters, podium presentations, and publications.

2. Breaking Down Barriers and Opening Doors for Emerging Nurse Leaders

- a. Example: District representatives actively support the Emerging Nurse Leader program through mentorship and by offering valuable insights and resources to help emerging leaders succeed.

3. Shaping the Narrative of Nurses' Contributions to Healthy Communities

- a. Example: The district engages the community through social media, local news outlets, and community events to highlight the essential role that nurses play in promoting community health
- b. Example: The district organizes volunteer events where nurses can actively participate and support the community, further emphasizing the importance of their role in contributing to the health of the community.

4. Supporting Nurse Advocacy

- a. Example: The district actively supports nurse advocacy by organizing and participating in events such as "Nurses Night at the Legislature" and "Advocacy Day."
- b. Example: The district gathers and presents data on local healthcare issues to local officials, demonstrating the impact of nursing on community health and advocating for necessary changes.
- c. Example: The district organizes workshops and training sessions to educate nurses on how to effectively advocate for their profession and patient care needs.