2023 Awards & Scholarships Nomination Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in ARN Awards & Scholarships! All application materials are due **no later than June 15th, 2023 at Noon CT**. **Applications are available for the following 2023 Awards & Scholarships**:

- Awards
  - Direct Patient Care Nurse Award
  - Leadership Award
  - Nurse Educator Award
  - Patient Advocacy Award
- Scholarships
  - BSN Scholarship
  - Graduate Scholarship
  - MaryAnn Mikulic Scholarship

About ARN

ARN is a diverse community of nearly 5,000 professional RNs working in acute care, inpatient rehabilitation units, long-term care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, and academia. Led by a board of directors, ARN focuses on the challenges facing rehab patients, family members, and support systems—as well as rehabilitation care providers.

Our Mission

Promote and advance the rehabilitation nursing practice through professional development, advocacy, collaboration, and research to enhance the quality of life for those affected by disability and chronic illness.

Our Vision

Improve healthcare delivery through the integration of rehabilitation nursing concepts across the care continuum.

Award & Scholarship Descriptions

The following position descriptions will help you learn more about what would be required of you, if you were elected to any available position(s).

Direct Patient Care Nurse Award

This award recognizes outstanding practice by a rehabilitation nurse in a direct patient care role. To be considered for this award, the nominee must be current ARN member who is employed as rehabilitation nurse practicing in a direct patient care role. Individuals classified as nurse managers or nurse specialists are not eligible to apply. CRRN certification is required. A supervisor, colleague, family member, or rehabilitation nurse can submit a nomination. You may contact the nominee's Vice-President of Nursing, manager, etc. for specific examples to demonstrate why they meet the award criteria.

Leadership Award

The Leadership Award recognizes a rehabilitation nurse who has demonstrated superior leadership skills when faced with a specific challenge within their setting (unit, facility, hospital, or organization/system). Through their efforts, they will have advanced rehabilitation nursing practice; or made positive changes that benefit patients, rehabilitation nurses, or allied professions. Many individuals may be involved with

addressing a specific situation, but the nominee should have taken a primary role in addressing the challenge and driving the outcome. To be considered for this award, the nominee must be a current ARN member. CRRN certification is also required. A supervisor, colleague, or family member may submit a nomination. Self-nominations are also accepted.

Nurse Educator Award
This award recognizes a nurse who has contributed to the advancement of rehabilitation nursing care through an academic or educational role. Candidates who demonstrate leadership ability and effectiveness in the educational development and mentoring of rehabilitation nurses or students and support the advancement of rehabilitation nurses through continuing or formal education would be appropriate nominees for this award. To be considered for this award, the nominee must be a current ARN member with a minimum of a BSN degree, who is employed as a rehabilitation nurse practicing in an academic or education role. CRRN certification is required. A supervisor, colleague, family member, or rehabilitation nurse can submit a nomination. You may contact the nominee's Vice-President of Nursing, manager, etc. for specific examples to demonstrate why they meet the award criteria.

Patient Advocacy Award
The Patient Advocacy Award recognizes a rehabilitation nurse who has demonstrated leadership and collaboration while advocating for outstanding patient care. Areas for advocacy may include:
- Improving patient resources
- Increasing access to care
- Providing education to elected officials or community members (e.g. helping elected officials understand how an issue impacts rehabilitation nursing patients and providers or acting as a resource to community members to help navigate the healthcare system)

 To be considered for this award, the nominee must be a current ARN member. CRRN certification is also required. A supervisor, colleague, or family member may submit a nomination. Self-nominations are also accepted.

BSN Scholarship
The purpose of the ARN scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to rehabilitation nurses working toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The amount awarded for this scholarship is $1,500. Rehabilitation nurses who meet these criteria are eligible for the scholarship: Membership and involvement in ARN; Current enrollment in a BSN degree program, in good standing, and successful completion of at least one course; Current practice in rehabilitation nursing; Minimum of two years' experience in rehabilitation nursing. Members of the ARN Board of Directors and their staff are not eligible for the scholarships.

Graduate Scholarship
The purpose of this ARN scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to rehabilitation nurses working toward a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or a doctorate degree in nursing (PhD, DNP, DNS/DNSc). The amount awarded for this scholarship is $1,500. Rehabilitation nurses who meet these criteria are eligible for the scholarship: Membership and involvement in ARN; Current enrollment in a graduate level degree program, in good standing, and successful completion of at least one course; Current practice in rehabilitation nursing; Minimum of two years' experience in rehabilitation nursing. Members of the ARN Board of Directors and their staff are not eligible for the scholarships.

MaryAnn Mikulic Scholarship

The Mary Ann Mikulic Scholarship was established to honor one of the early leaders of ARN. In recognition to our decades of offering excellent rehabilitation nursing education, the scholarship covers the conference registration fee for this year's ARN's Rehab Nursing Conference. This event will be in a hybrid setting, both virtual and in person. To be eligible, applicants must: Be a first-time attendee of the ARN conference; Be currently practicing rehabilitation nursing; Be a current ARN member. The scholarship will cover the conference registration fee for a hybrid experience. The recipient will be responsible for covering all other costs associated with attending. These costs may include travel, housing, meals (if not included with the conference registration), and extra-cost events.

ARN Nominations Portal User Instructions

To access the ARN Nominations Portal click HERE. In order to help you become acquainted with this tool, please read this important information.

For the best user experience, recommended browsers include Google Chrome (preferably the incognito window to remove cache) or Mozilla Firefox. Use of Internet Explorer is not advised.

Once you are on the ARN Nominations Portal landing page, click "Join Now" at the bottom of the page under "New Users". If you have already created an account and are returning to edit your submission, enter your credentials under the "Already a User" section.

Home Page:

You will be able to create and edit your submissions. To get started, click the green link that says "Click here to begin a new application."

Start a New Application:

Enter your full name as the title of your application. Then select which type of application you wish to submit. You can view the application type descriptions by clicking on "View Application Type descriptions." under the application type dropdown.

Task List:

You will need to complete each of the sections on your task list, in order to complete your application. A green checkbox will appear next to each task as it has been completed. A breadcrumb trail navigation path is available at the top of each page. To return to aprevious page, click the link of the page name in the navigation.

Review and Selection Process

All application materials are due no later than June 15th, 2023 at Noon CT. All applicants will be notified of final decisions by July 15th, 2023.

For help with any questions, you have regarding your submission, call ARN Member Services at 800.229.7530 or info@rehabnurse.org for assistance.