

How to Write a Successful Awards Nomination

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Do you know an Emergency Nurse

- with special interest in NYS ENA that would be deserving of an award?
- who is a special person with sick kids and always helps the other nurses with Pediatric Emergencies either in the clinical area or education?
- who is active with EMS?
- who is the embodiment of what an ED nurse should be and have devoted their career in advancing Emergency Nursing?



What we hope to accomplish

- To discuss the 6 annual awards given to deserving individuals each year at 'Setting the Pace'
- To give some helpful tips in how to write a successful letter.
- Encourage more NYS ENA members to recognize their colleagues for the work they do



NYS ENA Annual Awards

- Every spring, the NYS ENA recognizes deserving Emergency Nurses for awards during the annual 'Setting the Pace' Conference
- There are 6 awards each year:
 - Anita Dorr Award
 - Anne Ryan Pediatric Award
 - Ginny Hens EMS Award
 - Nursing Education Award
 - Rising Star Award
 - Special Recognition Award



Award Criteria & Application

- Criteria are located
 - Brochure - located in the 'Setting the Pace' brochure page 6
 - Website – home page- scroll to 'Setting the Pace' click on link for awards
 - Form tab- on home page – click on 'awards'
- Application
 - Located on the home page under 'forms'
 - Must be submitted online
 - Criteria is also listed with the application form

Awards Criteria

In the Conference Brochure,
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Call for Award Nominations



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- A Narrative Statement addressing the criteria below.
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We suggest 200 words for each criterion response.

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- Provide specific example(s) of how the nominee exemplifies outstanding nursing practice as demonstrated through clinical skills, care, and compassion.
- Provide specific example(s) of how the nominee is recognized by peers as an expert in pediatric emergency nursing and consistently exhibits traits associated with professional behavior and commitment to professional values.

Website

On home page scroll down to
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Welcome

The NYS ENA is a non-profit state council of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). As a nationally chartered organization, NYSENA represents the interest of emergency nurses and their patients in the state of New York. New York holds the distinction of being the very first charter site of the national organization.

The state council represents over two thousand emergency nurses interested in promoting improved emergency care throughout NYS. The dedicated efforts of its members in the area of public safety, continuing education, nursing research, and promotion of the profession serve to maintain quality of patient care and have a positive influence in the state.

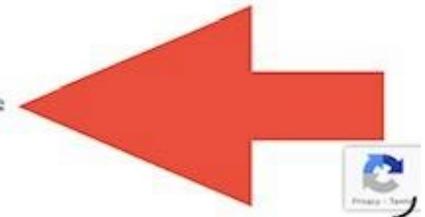
Setting The Pace 2026 April 22-24, 2026

2026 Call for awards is open until 3/16/26. [Click here for more details!](#)

See you at the Setting The Pace 2026 Conference in April!

Important Dates

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7pm	Conference Committee Me		
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9am	NYS ENA Council Meeting I		
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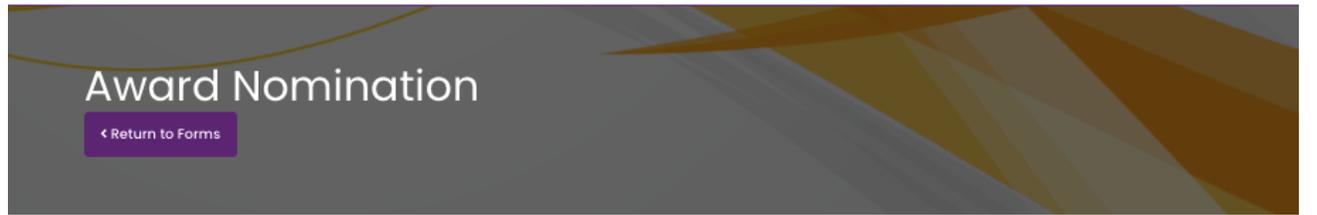
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Select the 'Form' tag on the Home page and click on the 'Awards Nomination' tag

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of the New York State Council on Education (ENY). The browser's address bar shows the URL nysena.org. The website features a purple header with the ENY logo and a navigation menu with the following items: Home, About, Education, Conference, Calendar, Forms, Library, and Contact Us. A dropdown menu is open under the 'Forms' tag, listing the following options: Show All Forms, Award Nomination, Committee Application, Committee Budget, Committee / National Report, Delegate form, Educational Event Planning, Equipment Log, and Expense. Below the navigation menu, there is a promotional banner for an event titled 'Setting The Pace April 22-24, 2026'. The banner includes two registration links: 'Participant Registration > Click here to register!' and 'Vendor Registration > Click here to register!'. The banner background features a dark surface with green and yellow pine branches.



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Candidates Information

Name:* Credentials:*

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Each file size must be less than 7MB.

If you are submitting a photo for a board position, award, or other purpose, files should be a professional style headshot. Please do not send a photo of yourself in a crowd, a photo of you and your significant other, or the photo of you in a group that has been simply cropped.

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Reason for Nomination:* *Introduction*

How does this nominee meet the award criteria?:* *Please address each criteria for the award in 200 words or less.*



First Things First

- Look at the criteria for each award.
- Select the award that best matches your candidate's attributes.
- What are the specific qualifications or achievements the award recognizes: leadership, education, community service?
- Collaborate with colleagues



First things first



- Use specific examples/anecdotes to highlight your nominee's achievements
- Write short sentences that are concise and give specific detail

Use specific examples

- Too general:
 - *the nominee has been our Educator for 8 years and works very hard educating the staff*
- More specific-
 - *the nominee has been our Educator for 8 years. In that time, she has been instrumental in certifying 75% of the nursing staff in TNCC as well as providing CEN review classes so that 50% of the staff are CEN certified. I am a much more confident nurse as a result of becoming CEN certified*

First Things First

- Get practical and get personal
- Keep it simple
- Limit the response to each criteria to about 200 words



First Things First

- Do not put nominee's name in your letter
- Follow the submission guidelines-
 - deadline date is March 16, 2026
- Call a Buddy and collaborate



Nomination form

- Reason for the Nomination
- How does the Nominee meet the criteria



Reason for Nomination

- Begin with the purpose and enthusiasm:
 - *-This letter is in support of nominee to receive '2026' Anita Dorr award*
 - *-I am honored to recognize nominee to receive the Education award*
 - *-I am thrilled to recommend nominee for the Anne Ryan Pediatric Award*

Reason for Nomination

- Relationship with the Nominee
 - In other words, how do you know the nominee?
 - *I have known nominee for over 20 years. We have worked together as professional colleagues with matters concerning the ENA and more specifically, ENA sponsored courses.*
 - *Nominee has been the ED Nurse Educator for our ED for the last 7 years*
 - *Nominee has been our senior staff nurse and charge nurse for over 5 years*

How does the Nominee meet the Criteria

- What did the nominee do?
 - Projects and/or activities
 - Challenges or issues they encountered
- How did they do it?
 - Leadership
 - Creativity
- What were the results or impact?
 - Are there specific benefits from your nominee's efforts

How does the Nominee meet the criteria

Anita Dorr Award

Nominee has been involved with the ENA both locally, state and nationally. On the local level, Nominee was chapter treasurer and actively involved in Annual Education day. As a Clinical Instructor, Nominee developed an orientation and fellowship program for new nurses recruiting many new ED nurses to join the ENA. Nominee has served State Treasurer and Council Board member. She has a passion for triage and is currently involved with National ENA in development of a national triage course.

How does Nominee meet the criteria

Ann Ryan Pediatric Award

Nominee has been an asset to NYS ENA by mentoring experienced ENPC providers to become ENPC Instructors and onto course directors. She has promoted ENPC in NYS by traveling to different parts of the state supporting and mentoring new ENPC instructors and course directors. Having been an ENPC instructor for the past 10 years, she provides 2-3 courses a year at her own hospital in addition to traveling throughout the state.

Conclusion

- Have a closing sentence that supports your candidate
 - *It is with great admiration and respect that I submit this nomination for Nominee*
 - *For these reasons, I highly recommend Nominee to receive this award (name of the award)*
 - *I consider myself fortunate to have Nominee as a professional colleague and a friend. She is a true Emergency Nurse and deserving of this prestigious award*

Reason for Nomination

This is a letter of nomination for Nominee, RN to receive the NYSCENA Education Award.

I have known and worked with Nominee for over 10 years. We are both ED Clinical Instructors in our respective institutions and as such, provide orientation and continuing education to the nursing staff. Also, Nominee and I often teach together in Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) sponsored courses.

Nominee has a long and rich career in emergency nursing having held positions of staff nurse, coordinator, educator and nurse manager. She is active in the local and state ENA holding positions of Treasurer and President for the Manhattan Bronx Chapter and Secretary of State for the NYS Council. (111 words)

How does the nominee meet the criteria?

Nominee has always been the leader in education among her ENA peers. As a leader, Nominee is a motivator. She has a visible energy and enthusiasm for whatever project or issue she is working on and she is able to inspire others to achieve. For example, when 5 level triage became a 'new' trend, Nominee researched the topic and became a content expert. Now, she is often asked to lecture on the topic at nearby community hospitals. After several national disasters, Nominee became an advocate and authority for disaster preparedness.

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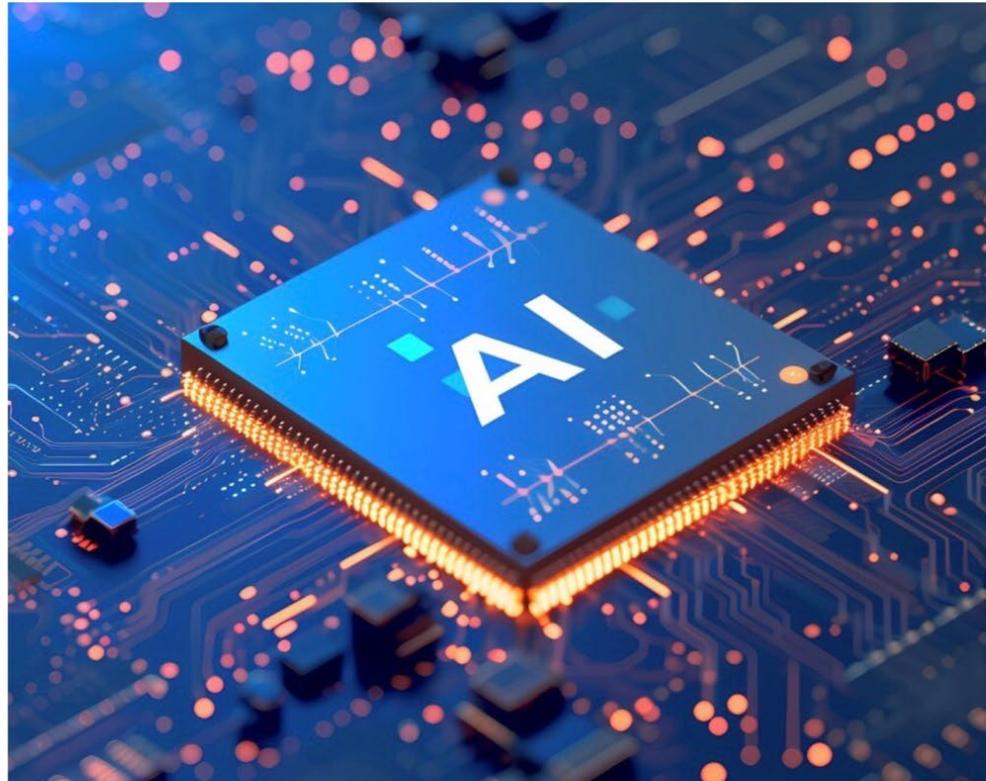
How does the nominee meet the criteria? continued

For me, it is a pleasure to teach with Nominee. She embraces the role of ED nurse educator and is able to demonstrate the skills of the expert educator to the maximum degree. She is a superb speaker, always well prepared. Program evaluations consistently rate Nominee as an 'excellent' speaker. Having observed her teaching style on many occasions, it is easy to see why.

I believe Emergency Nursing has been fortunate to have a professional of Nominee's caliber representing them all of these years. It is my pleasure to know and work with her. (191 words)

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AI (ChatGPT, Genesis, Claude, Perplexity, and more) can be very helpful in editing and proofing your nomination. Do not use it to “write” the nomination. It does not know your nominee or emergency nursing.



Questions?

