Melanie C. Dreher Award for Outstanding Chapter Support

NOMINATION TIMELINE

1 November 2026-1 March 2027

NOTIFICATION

Award recipients will be notified in July 2027.

PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at Sigma's Biennial Convention.

PURPOSE

Named for past president Melanie C. Dreher, the Award for Outstanding Chapter Support recognizes an administrator or institution whose contributions to promoting Sigma Nursing's mission, vision, and goals have gone beyond normal expectations and supported the health and longevity of its Sigma chapter. All active chapters of Sigma are eligible to submit a nomination for an individual or institution.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations are accepted for individuals and institutions. All administrative officers or organizational leaders (e.g., deans, directors, chairpersons, heads of school, chief nursing officers) of academic or clinical settings with affiliated Sigma chapters are eligible. Sigma membership or nursing credentials are not required. Current Sigma International Board of Directors, Sigma staff, Sigma consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible. Nominees can receive only one award per biennium. Nominees can accept only one nomination per biennium. Recipients from 2023 and 2025 are not eligible to receive the same award in 2027.

CRITERIA

Nomination should show evidence of meeting a majority of the following criteria:

Actively supports Sigma chapter activities

1. Participates in chapter activities
2. Provides institutional support to the chapter
3. Supports faculty, employee, and/or student involvement in chapter activities
4. Supports faculty, employee, and /or student participation in local, regional, or global Sigma activities

Actively serves Sigma as an ambassador

1. Promotes local, regional, or global initiatives of Sigma
2. Promotes collaboration with Sigma at the local, regional, or global level

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Supporting documents required below should address a majority of the above criteria. Entries that do not meet the criteria and requirements below will be disqualified. A complete online nomination consists of:

- Online entry form
- Supporting narrative, from the nominating chapter's president (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of support (excluding nominator)
- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Letter of acceptance, a statement from the nominee accepting the nomination and agreeing to attend Sigma's Biennial Convention if selected as the award recipient

- Supporting documentation, materials or summaries that provide direct evidence of meeting the award criteria (not to exceed 10 pages). This includes videos, writing samples, articles, photos, etc. This is an opportunity to expand on the summary provided by the supporting narrative. Additional letters of support will not be considered.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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