Audrey Hepburn Award for Contributions to the Health and Welfare of Children

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

The Audrey Hepburn Award for Contributions to the Health and Welfare of Children was established in 1993 to honor Ms. Hepburn's extraordinary work on behalf of children in need. This award is presented to a nurse who has made significant contributions to the health and well-being of children. **Sigma membership is required.**

ELIGIBILITY

All active Sigma members worldwide are eligible to be nominated for this award. **Members may not self-nominate; any self-nominations will be disqualified**. 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:

1. Demonstrates significant contributions nationally/globally to the health and welfare of children
2. Commits to Sigma Nursing's mission and vision
3. Contributions may be in the areas of research, policy development, administration, evidence-based practice, or education

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 nominator (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (interprofessional colleague, supervisor, coworker, etc.—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

For further information, contact awards@sigmanursing.org.