Lucie S. Kelly Mentor Award

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 Lucie S. Kelly Mentor Award recognizes the influence that role models and mentors in the nursing profession have on the lives and careers of others. This individual has had a significant impact on the career progression of nurse leaders and the nursing profession. The award is named in honor of past president Dr. Lucie S. Kelly (1983-1985) for her devotion to the spirit of mentoring. **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

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

1. Demonstrates outstanding and sustained career mentorship to several nurse leaders
2. Influences others in their career development
3. Contributes to formal or informal mentorship, modeling, and coaching of developing and established nurse leaders, such as strengthening the skills and confidence of early career nurse clinicians, researchers, educators, and/or administrators
4. Demonstrates a commitment to the practice of mentorship in their practice environment, the profession, and beyond, such as publications, presentations, or advocacy
5. Inspires others to become a mentor

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 those who have been impacted by or witnessed the nominee's mentorship (other mentees, peers, etc. —excluding nominator)
- Nominee's abbreviated curriculum vitae or resume (not to exceed 5 pages)
- 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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