



Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award for Excellence in Chapter Support

NOMINATION TIMELINE

1 November 2018 – 1 March 2019

ENTRY FEE:

US \$50

The fee structure for nominations outside the US is set according to World Bank classifications based on per-capita income designated as low, middle, and high.

NOTIFICATION

Award recipients will be notified in July 2019.

PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at Sigma's [45th Biennial Convention](#) in Washington, DC, USA.

PAST RECIPIENTS

[View a brief biography of past recipients online.](#)

CONTACT

For further information, visit [International Awards](#) or contact [Jessica Wendorf](#).

PURPOSE

Named for past president Melanie C. Dreher, the Outstanding Dean Award for Excellence in Chapter Support recognizes nursing program administrators whose contributions in promoting Sigma's mission, vision, and goals have gone beyond normal expectations.

All active chapters of Sigma are eligible to submit a nomination.

ELIGIBILITY

All deans or the chief administrative officers (e.g., directors, chairpersons, or heads of school) of baccalaureate and/or graduate nursing education programs are eligible.

Current Sigma International Board of Directors, Sigma staff, Sigma consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible.

CRITERIA

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

Actively supports Sigma chapter activities

1. Is an active participant in the chapter
2. Provides significant school support to the chapter
3. Supports faculty and student involvement in chapter activities
4. Supports faculty and 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
3. Encourages contributions to scholarship in nursing education, practice, or research
4. Promotes Sigma in presentations, seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.

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 and payment
- 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 – Statement from the nominee agreeing to attend Sigma's Biennial Convention if selected
- Supporting documentation as evidence of nominee's contribution as outlined in the criteria above (not to exceed 10 pages)