Excellence in Nursing Practice Award
Marie Hippensteel Lingeman Founders Award

PURPOSE
The Founders Awards offer homage to the six founding nurses of Sigma and the director of nursing at Indiana University for their insights in 1922 that advanced scholarship, leadership, research, and practice. This award recognizes extraordinary excellence in nursing practice.

*Sigma membership is required.*

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

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.

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

1. Demonstrates a breadth of knowledge and expertise in clinical nursing practice
2. Develops creative approaches that contribute to quality nursing care
3. Advances the scope and practice of nursing
4. Serves a mentor/preceptor who inspires peers’ practice of nursing
5. Participates in community affairs, legislation, and organizations that affect nursing practice
6. Enhances the image of nursing through nursing practice
7. Impacts the practice of nursing through communication

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 (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