



New Member Pillar Award

PURPOSE

The New Member Pillar Award recognizes a recently inducted member whose nursing practice reflects care, commitment, and creativity to advance the profession and whose exemplary voluntary service and leadership achievements have positively impacted Sigma, their chapter, and the nursing or healthcare profession. ***Sigma membership is required.***

ELIGIBILITY

All active Sigma members worldwide, inducted between 1 March 2017 and 1 March 2019, 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 for one or more pillar:

Leadership

1. Displays an understanding of the self and one's own potential
2. Portrays a positive vision for leadership and a continuing commitment to leadership
3. Displays knowledge, skills, and abilities related to personal, interpersonal, organizational, and civic leadership development
4. Makes connections with other chapter members

Service

1. Advances and promotes healthcare, the nursing profession, and Sigma
2. Demonstrates the impact of volunteer service – quality and quantity
3. Commits to ongoing volunteer service
4. Demonstrates a spirit of compassion and caring

Professional Endeavor

1. Demonstrates creative resource utilization
2. Pursues his/her own professional growth and development
3. Advocates for quality patient and family care
4. Utilizes exemplary interpersonal skills
5. Collaborates with healthcare professionals in providing optimal care

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)
- Letter of Acceptance – Statement from the nominee agreeing to attend Sigma's Biennial Convention if selected

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 [Janell Jackson](#).