

Following are some excerpts from winning nominations as an example of the type of information the reviewers seek.

Describe how nominee has shown concern for humanity:

J. received her RN license late in life. It was obvious that nursing is what she was always meant to do. She was so genuine in demonstrating compassion toward her patients. J. had a very special relationship with one patient in particular. They shared a common bond in that they both were battling breast cancer. She once removed her wig before visiting this patient so that they could share a chuckle about their baldness due to chemotherapy. She put her patients and her profession before anything that she faced personally.

What do you consider your nominee's most significant contribution to the nursing profession:

B.'s most significant contribution to the nursing profession is his focus on patient care. He incorporates a life-long learning style for patient care that benefits his patients and peers. His willingness to research new medications, protocols, and improvements for patient care is well known. He has advanced his own nursing education and that has enabled him to expand his clinical expertise. B. brings many skills to nursing but his emphasis on comprehensive end of life care is one skill that I know benefits many. Physicians and nurses refer to him for his expertise in providing comfort for those at the end of life. He is extremely knowledgeable about safe and effective interventions for pain and comfort.

Give an example of how your nominee has shown leadership through mentoring, or served as a role model for others:

In addition to being a strong leader as Director of Nursing, S. is a teacher. She takes opportunities everyday to educate. She is accessible - her staff is very comfortable seeking her direction or counsel. Her professional ethics provide an excellent example to her staff and her competence promotes their trust. Beyond this she teaches, more formally, a nursing supervisory Continuing Education class.

Was there a specific event that prompted you to nominate this outstanding nurse? If so, please tell your story:

I know what a dedicated Hospice nurse L. is. I am a cancer survivor. She took me into the program following a difficult hospitalization. I received a letter from her written at 12am: "...want you to know there are many of us working to help lift you up as you go thru this. We want to give you as many tools as you need to survive this...there are many, including me, who care." Though it's been 11 years ago, I am now fortunate to be part of her Hospice team.