

# **2017-2018 Awards and Scholarships**

Thank you for your interest in applying for the 2017-2018 Awards and Scholarships! It is the goal of the MNSA Board of Directors that the following awards and scholarship opportunities will recognize the hard work and outstanding leadership of our members. We realize that no award could ever thank you enough for the many ways in which you touch the lives of your fellow nursing students and the community.

MNSA offers nine awards and four monetary scholarships. This year our emphasis is going to be on our 2017 Community Health Initiative “The Opioid Epidemic.” Through this initiative; we hope to raise awareness about the opioid crisis, and how we can partner with individuals and the community to promote healthier lifestyle choices.

All of our awards and scholarships recognize the individual time and effort that you have brought forth during an incredibly busy and stressful time in your careers. We hope that these opportunities will help to encourage students and local chapters to increase participation and join in this year’s community health initiative.



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# **Important Submission Information**

ESSAY GUIDELINES: All essays written must be written in third person for voting purposes. If the submitted essay includes the nominee's name and/or school name it will not be submitted for voting. When emailing please include the name of the school, the name of the nominee and contact information for the submitter in the body of the email, not in the attachment of essay.

ELIGIBILITY: All MNSA constituent associations are eligible to apply and individual applicants must be a member of MNSA/NSNA to be qualified. Current MNSA Board of Directors are not eligible for individual awards or scholarships. Proof of membership may be requested. Applicants do not have to be present at the Annual Convention Award ceremony to win. The Annual Convention is being held at the Marriott 200 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI 48034 on January 26-27th, 2018.

DUE DATE: All entries, unless otherwise noted, must be submitted by no later than December 29, 2017 @ 1700 via e-mail to the Community Health & Image and Breakthrough to Nursing Director, Marquisha Myles at [communityhealth@MichiganNSA.org](mailto:communityhealth@MichiganNSA.org)

VOTING: After the deadline has passed, the MNSA Board of Directors will vote on all of the applications that were received in each category.

AWARD CEREMONY: Awards and Scholarships will be presented January 27th, 2018 at the MNSA 2017 Annual Convention Awards Banquet. Recipients of these awards and scholarships are not required to be present in order to win, however it is encouraged that all applicants should attend the ceremony. The recipients will be recognized at the banquet, and their award will be given at this time.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For more information, please contact the Community Health & Image and Breakthrough to Nursing Director at [communityhealth@MichiganNSA.org](mailto:communityhealth@MichiganNSA.org) or visit our website at [www.MichiganNSA.org](http://www.MichiganNSA.org)

# Outstanding Chapter President Award

This award is presented to the SNA Chapter President who goes above and beyond expectations. The MNSA would like to acknowledge the chapter President who provides excellent leadership, commitment, and communication skills that enthusiastically drives their chapter to achievement.

## **Requirements:**

1. Nominee must be a member of MNSA/NSNA
2. Submission of a 200-400 word essay typed and double spaced written by a student representative of the nominee's SNA Chapter. This essay should describe how the nominee meets each of the following criteria:
  - Demonstrates character, leadership, and effective communication
  - His/her service positively benefits the local SNA chapter, school of nursing, fellow nursing students and the community.
  - Provide examples of how your SNA President affected the history of his/her school of nursing and/or SNA Chapter.
  - Provide a Letter of Recommendation from a Nursing Instructor, Clinical Instructor, Dean, or Director of Nursing at the nominee's School of Nursing.

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered

# Distinguished Advisor Award

This award is presented to the SNA Advisor who sets the bar high for their students to help them achieve greatness and success. This advisor is a role model, provides support and extends services to nursing students. The MNSA would like to thank this advisor for their commitment to students.

## **Requirements:**

1. Nominee must be a member of a professional organization.
2. Only one advisor from each school may be nominated.
3. Submission of a 200-400 word essay typed and double spaced written by a student representative of the nominee's SNA chapter. This essay should describe how the nominee meets each of the following criteria:
  - Provides motivation and generation of enthusiasm from SNA/MNSA/NSNA involvement.
  - Exhibits and teaches the importance of participation in a professional organization, as well as the continuation of education, upon graduation.
  - Provide examples of how the nominee's professional or personal history enhance their ability to guide nursing students.

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered.

# Outstanding Board Member Award

This award goes to a board member that goes above and beyond expectations. The MNSA would like to show appreciation for this member's dedication, teamwork, positivity, and leadership. This award cannot be given to Chapter presidents as they should apply for the Outstanding Chapter President award.

## **Requirements:**

1. Nominee must be a member of MNSA/NSNA.
2. Submission of a 200-500 word essay typed and double spaced written by a student or faculty member of the nominee's SNA Chapter. The essay should describe how the nominee meets each of the following criteria:
  - Demonstrates dedication/ commitment to the chapter, teamwork, positivity/ optimism, and leadership.
  - How the nominee demonstrates his/her commitment to his/her community, fellow students, and local SNA chapter through community health events or projects.
  - Provide examples of how the nominee meets each criteria. Has the nominee made an impact for the school or affected the school in a positive manner.
  - Provide a letter of recommendation from a Nursing Faculty member, Clinical Instructor, Dean, or Director of Nursing from the nominee's school of nursing.

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered

# Outstanding Nursing Student Award

This award is presented to a nursing student who goes above and beyond. Excellence is a way of life for this student and is demonstrated through their character, attitude and skills within and outside of the classroom.

## **Requirements:**

1. Nominee must be a member of MNSA/NSNA
2. Nominee CANNOT be a board member of his/her local chapter (delegates qualify)
3. Nominee must hold a GPA of at least a 3.0 or above
4. Submission of a 200-400 word essay typed and double spaced written by a representative of the nominee's SNA Chapter. This essay should describe how the nominee meets each of the following criteria:
  - Demonstrates hard work, character, positive attitude, and good study habits
  - Participation in extracurricular activities (work, volunteering, etc)
  - Provide an example of a time that the nominee has gone above and beyond the minimum expectations for participation within his/her local SNA events or meetings.
  - Explain how this nursing student contributes to the future of nursing.

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered

# Community Service Award

This award is presented to the SNA Chapter that has impacted their community by participating in events, service, and volunteering. The MNSA would like to recognize the service that this SNA has provided to its community.

## **Requirements:**

1. Submission of a 200-400 word essay typed and double spaced written by a representative of the SNA chapter. This essay should describe how the SNA meets each of the following criteria:
  - Amount of participation demonstrated by SNA members, including hours of community service performed, events contributed to, as well as events planned by the school's SNA.
  - Describe some of the details that express the creativity of the projects and events.
  - Demonstrate in writing how your SNA participation in the community shaped or changed the image of nursing that the community currently holds

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered.



# Creative Scrapbook Award

This award is presented to the SNA Chapter with the scrapbook that represents the activities of that chapter in a creative and accurate manner. The MNSA would like to congratulate this chapter for contributing to the history of its SNA through pictures and documentation.

## **Requirements:**

1. The scrapbook should represent your SNA Chapter in regards to:
  - Involvement in volunteer projects
  - Various public recognition (i.e. newspaper articles, awards, letters or thank you cards)
  - Speakers and events hosted
  - At least one page should be dedicated to an event related to the 2016 MNSA Community Health Initiative.

(Neatness, presentation, and creativity will be considered in judging the scrapbooks.)

Materials should be submitted at the Marriott (200 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI 48034) on January 26-27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Deadline is January 28<sup>th</sup> at 1700. No late entries will be considered

# Fundraising Award

This award is presented to the SNA Chapter that finds creative and fun ways to raise money for their chapter as well as for the community. The MNSA would like to commend this SNA for their innovative ideas and tremendous fundraising events!

## **Requirements:**

1. Submission of a detailed list of at least three fundraising ideas that raised \$50 or more for your SNA Chapter or community.
2. Submission of details and proof of one activity that raised money for a charity or community.

Deadline for submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered

# Creative Newsletter Award

This award is presented to the SNA Chapter with a newsletter series that documents the activities and events of that school's SNA. The MNSA would like to congratulate this SNA for contributing to the history of its chapter through its publications and documentation.

## **Requirements:**

1. The newsletters should represent your SNA Chapter in regards to:
  - Involvement in volunteer projects
  - Community involvement
  - Various public recognition (i.e. newspaper articles, awards, letters or thank you cards)
  - Speakers and events hosted

(Content, neatness, presentation, and creativity will be considered in judging the newsletters. Please submit at least 3 issues of your SNA newsletter.)

Deadline for submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered

# Pure Nursing Award

This award is presented to the deserving nursing student who demonstrates a love for the profession of nursing and has plans to enhance the profession through their skill and passion. The MNSA is proud to provide this award to this committed nursing student!

## **Requirements:**

1. Nominee must be a member of MNSA/NSNA (you may nominate yourself)
2. Nominee CANNOT be a board member of his/her local chapter (delegates qualify)
3. Nominee must hold a GPA of at least a 3.0 or above
4. Submission of a 1- page letter typed and doubled spaced to your “future self”, written by a member of MNSA/NSNA. This letter should contain the following criteria:
  - Ways in which you have demonstrated a love and passion for the field of nursing
  - How you plan to strengthen the profession of nursing
  - Qualities that make you deserving of this award

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered

# Future Florence Scholarships

Two \$500 scholarships are presented to two deserving nursing students who demonstrate a love for the profession of nursing and have plans to enhance the profession through their skill and passion. The MNSA is proud to provide financial assistance to these two excellent nursing students.

## **Requirements:**

1. Applicant must be a member of MNSA/NSNA. A copy of your membership card is **REQUIRED** by submission deadline.
2. Applicant must be an undergraduate student during the 2017-2018 academic year.
3. Submission of a 475-500 word essay typed and double spaced from the applicant. The content of this essay should include:
  - What is nursing? What is the role of a nurse?
  - Why are you interested in nursing? What made you choose this profession?
  - What are your plans for the future?
  - Why are you deserving of this scholarship?

You must also provide:

- A Letter of Recommendation from a Nursing Instructor, Clinical Instructor, Dean, or Director of Nursing at the applicant's School of Nursing.

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered

# Chapter of the Year Scholarship

This \$300 scholarship is presented to the SNA Chapter that is worthy of highest honor and recognition for its work and involvement as a pre-professional organization. The MNSA is honored to have such a committed and excellent chapter!

## **Requirements:**

Submission of the following information:

1. Number of MNSA members attending the 2018 MNSA Annual Convention
2. An increase in membership from the end of the previous MNSA Convention (February 2017) to the application deadline (December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017) or proof of total school enrollment.
3. Submission of a resolution presented at the 2017-2018 MNSA Convention.
4. Participation of Special Projects. Your chapter must have at least one project in each of the following categories:
  - Image and Breakthrough to Nursing
  - Community Health
  - Community Service
  - Legislative Activities (ex: writing a letter to a congressman). A copy of the document is REQUIRED
5. Submission of a 500 word essay typed and double spaced written by a student representative from the SNA being nominated explaining why your SNA Chapter should be considered for the Chapter of the Year Scholarship.

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered

# 2017-2018 Convention Theme Scholarship

Our convention theme this year is "Nursing Student's Putting The Pieces Together." Through this scholarship we would like to take the opportunity to get to know you and what this theme means to you. Two \$500 scholarships will be presented to the two nursing students who best describe the meaning of this topic. The MNSA is proud to provide financial assistance to these two nursing students in need.

## **Requirements:**

1. Applicant must be a member of MNSA/NSNA. A copy of your membership card is **REQUIRED** by submission deadline.
  2. Applicant must be an undergraduate student during the 2018-2019 academic year.
  3. Submission of a 475-500 word essay typed and double spaced from the applicant. Please choose from **ONE** of the following two prompts to write about:
    - What are 3 of the most important roles that you feel nurses have to fulfill? How are you currently fulfilling those roles as a student nurse and how do you see yourself stepping into those roles as an RN?
- OR**
- How important is diversity in nursing to you? What do you feel are the most important issues facing nurses these days?

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered

# Community Health Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to the SNA Chapter who contributes to the promotion and service of the 2017 MNSA Community Health Initiative: **The Opioid Epidemic**. The MNSA would like to thank all the SNA chapters who put forth effort to contribute to this initiative with a \$100 scholarship for all chapters who apply.

## **Requirements:**

1. SNA chapter must create a community event surrounding the MNSA's Community Health Initiative "The Opioid Epidemic." Consider events such as a presentation with community partners
2. Submission of a poster board creating a visual representation of how the SNA chapter has helped the community with the MNSA Community Health Initiative "The Opioid Epidemic."
3. Submission of a 200-400 word essay typed and double spaced written by a representative of the SNA chapter. This essay should describe how the SNA meets each of the following criteria:
  - Provide a summary of how the SNA chapter promoted the event and which, if any, community stakeholders assisted your project.
  - Describe the details that express the creativity of the event/project
  - Demonstrate in writing how the SNA chapter participation in this community event/project shaped or changed the image of nursing that the community currently holds.
  - Amount of awareness that was raised through this community event/project as well as the amount of participation among the SNA chapter.
  - Include one photograph of the SNA chapter's involvement in promoting the MNSA Community Health Initiative "The Opioid Epidemic".

Deadline for essay submission is December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1700. No late entries will be considered