

DON of the Year

THCA Annual Award Nomination

This is an opportunity to recognize our DON for their outstanding efforts for our facility, residents and staff.

Talk with facility Administration and/or any Department Supervisor to learn how YOU can contribute to the nomination of our D.O.N.

To Be Eligible For Consideration, A DON Must Be:

- Innovative in dealing with resident and staff issues, and in the delivery of nursing care in the long term care setting.
- Have furthered their professional growth in the long term care nursing field.

Criteria For Selection Are:

- The nominee must be a Registered Nurse; with a minimum of two years experience as a DON in a long term care facility (not limited to a geriatric facility) with one year in nominating facility as DON at the time of application..
- The nominee must be currently employed in a THCA member facility at time of application and at time the award is presented.
- The recent DADS inspection/surveys during the past twelve (12) months from the facility where the applicant works shows no tag at G scope/severity level or higher resulting from major problems/quality of care issues in nursing. If you receive a G-Tag and you feel it is not related to nursing, send a copy of the GTag for consideration. NOTE: If the facility is appealing an IJ that has not been finalized the DON is not eligible for nomination. A DON would be eligible if the deficiencies were received prior to her/his hire date and because of her/his direction they were cleared.
- The nominee will attend Nurses' Day activities at the 20□ THCA Annual Convention at the expense of the employing facility.

All Nominees will be recognized at the 20□THCA Annual Convention & Trade Show in , Texas, September □, 20□

Nurse of the Year

THCA Annual Award Nomination

This is a great opportunity for us to show our Nurses know how awesome they are!

Talk with facility Administration and/or any Department Supervisor to learn how YOU can help nominate someone from our wonderful nursing staff!

To Be Eligible For Consideration, Nominee is:

- Innovative in dealing with resident and staff needs, and in the delivery of patient centered care in the long term care setting.
- Have furthered their professional growth in the long term care nursing field.

Criteria For Selection Are:

- The nominee must be a Full-time Licensed Nurse (may also include any nurse management position excluding the D.O.N.) at the time of the nomination; with a minimum of two years experience as a licensed nurse in a long-term care facility (not limited to a geriatric facility) at the time of application.
- The nominee must be currently employed in a THCA member facility at time of application and at time the award is presented.
- The recent DADS inspection/surveys during the past twelve (12) months from the facility where the applicant works shows no tag at G scope/severity level or higher resulting from major problems/quality of care issues in nursing. If you receive a G-Tag or higher and you feel it is not related to nursing, send a copy of the Tag for consideration. If the Tag relates to nursing, provide an explanation
- All regional winners will attend Nurses Day activities at the 2020 THCA convention at the expense of the employing facility. All regional winners will receive a guest ticket for the award luncheon and will be recognized during the Nurses Day activities and luncheon.

Award Recipients will be recognized at the 2020 THCA September 21-23, 2020.



CNA of the Year

THCA Annual Award Nomination

**This is the optimal opportunity to recognize our
Dedicated Front-Line Caregivers!**

Talk with facility Administration and/or any Department Supervisor to learn how YOU can help nominate someone who goes above & beyond for our residents!

To Be Eligible For Consideration, A CNA Must Be:

- compassionate, caring, and innovative in dealing with residents, families, and staff, and in the delivery of nursing care in the long term care setting
- Dedicated to continued commitment and professional development.

Criteria For Selection Are:

- The nominee must be a Nurse Aide (with primary job duties as a C.N.A.) with a minimum of two years experience in a long term care facility (not limited to a geriatric facility) and one year in the nominating facility in the position as a Nurse Aide.
- The nominee must be currently employed in a THCA member facility at time of application and at time the award is presented.
- The nominee is not eligible if they have won this award within the last three years.

*Award Recipients will be recognized at the 2020 THCA Annual
Convention & Trade Show in Houston, Texas, September 21-23, 2020.*



Nursing Scholarships

For CMA, LVN, RN, & Advanced Degree

The Nurse Council of the Texas Health Care Association coordinates Nurse Scholarships for individuals:

- Employed in a member long term care facility at the time of application
- Employed in a member long term care facility when the scholarship is awarded
- Who would like to further his or her education to continue working in long term care after a certificate, degree and/or diploma is obtained
- At the time of application, employed in long term care for one year, with six months in current facility
- Who are currently enrolled in or have been accepted into a nursing program – CMA, LVN, RN or Advanced Nursing.

*** Proof of current enrollment or acceptance in a nursing program must be included with the application.**

Applicants will be judged by a panel of nurses from the THCA Nurse Council presently working in long term care. The winners will be awarded a **\$500 scholarship sponsored by THCA and sponsoring members**. All scholarships will be presented at the Nurses' Luncheon at the THCA Annual Convention in Houston, Texas.

Applications must be received by August 10, 2020 and be accompanied by a statement from the applicant explaining why they chose long term care and why they would like to continue their education in nursing. Applications must also include **letters of reference from the Administrator and a minimum of one from the following list:**

- DON
- Supervisor
- Healthcare Professional

***Applications not meeting ALL of the above criteria will be disqualified.**

