

TxANA Awards and Guidelines

All received information will be treated as confidential.

Board of Directors members are ineligible during their term in office. Nominating Committee members may be nominated but must excuse themselves from the committee during awards discussions due to conflict of interest.

Nominees will remain in the candidate pool for up to three years for consideration with a re-nomination annually by the nominator. After this period, a new nomination package must be submitted.

I. CRNA Mentor Award:

a. **Description:** The CRNA Mentor Award recognizes an outstanding Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) who has demonstrated exceptional mentorship qualities, providing guidance, support, and inspiration to colleagues or students within the field of anesthesia.

b. Nomination Guidelines:

- i. Nominees should have a proven track record of mentoring CRNAs or students in anesthesia practice.
- ii. Evidence of the nominee's impact on the professional and personal development of mentees should be provided.
- iii. Nominations should include specific examples of how the nominee has gone above and beyond in their role as a mentor, such as fostering a supportive learning environment, offering career guidance, or facilitating networking opportunities.
- iv. Testimonials from mentees or colleagues highlighting the nominee's mentorship qualities are encouraged.

c. Eligibility:

- i. The nominee may be a CRNA.
- ii. The nominee may be living or deceased.

d. Nomination Deadline:

- i. July 1 (July 1, 2024)

e. Approval:

- i. Nominees will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee.
- ii. The Nominating Committee will select a recipient to be proposed to the Board of Directors.
- iii. The Board of Directors will make the final decision for the selection of the award recipient.

f. Presentation:

- i. The recipient will be notified by August 1.
- ii. Award will be presented at the Annual Conference unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.

II. Professional Advocacy Award:

- a. **Description:** The Professional Advocacy Award honors an individual who has demonstrated exemplary commitment and leadership in advocating for the advancement of the nurse anesthesia profession and the interests of CRNAs.

b. **Nomination Guidelines:**

- i. Nominees should have a history of active involvement in professional organizations, legislative advocacy efforts, or community initiatives aimed at promoting the role and scope of practice of CRNAs.
- ii. Evidence of the nominee's advocacy achievements, such as successful lobbying efforts, policy changes, or educational campaigns, should be provided.
- iii. Nominations should outline the nominee's specific contributions to advancing the profession, including any legislative or regulatory victories, public outreach initiatives, or collaborations with other healthcare stakeholders.
- iv. Testimonials from peers, colleagues, or stakeholders impacted by the nominee's advocacy work are encouraged.

c. **Eligibility:**

- i. The nominee may be a CRNA or a non-CRNA.

- ii. The nominee may be living or deceased.

d. Nomination Deadline:

- i. July 1 (July 1, 2024)

e. Approval:

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f. Presentation:

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III. President's Award:

- g. **Description:** The President's Award is a prestigious recognition bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to the field of anesthesia or to the organization presenting the award.

h. Nomination Guidelines:

- i. Nominees should have a distinguished record of dedication and service within the organization or the broader anesthesia community.
- ii. Evidence of the nominee's significant contributions to the advancement of the profession, leadership initiatives, or innovative projects should be provided.
- iii. Nominations should highlight the nominee's impact on the organization or profession, including any measurable outcomes or transformative changes achieved under their leadership.

i. Eligibility:

- i. The nominee may be a CRNA or a non-CRNA.

- ii. The nominee may be living or deceased.

j. Nomination Deadline:

- i. July 1

k. Approval:

- i. The President will select a recipient to be proposed to the Board of Directors.
- ii. The Board of Directors will make the final decision for the selection of the award recipient.

l. Presentation:

- i. The recipient will be notified by August 1.
- ii. Award will be presented at the Annual Conference unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.