



**The Future of Nursing in Arkansas  
40 Nurse Leaders under 40 Recognition Program**

**ACN Mission:** The mission of the Arkansas Center for Nursing, Inc. is to promote a culture of health for the citizens of Arkansas by advancing nursing education, practice, leadership and workforce development.

**Purpose of Award:** 40 Nurse Leaders Under 40 in the state are recognized due to their exemplar dedication to the nursing profession. Recipients go above and beyond to display a commitment to service excellence and leadership. They are acknowledged as community outreach servants. Recipients provide dedicated service to the population with a continued promise to grow in leadership and the advancement of our nursing profession in Arkansas.

**Nomination Submission**

We are inviting nominations from all areas and aspects of Nursing in the state of Arkansas. Nominations should be submitted from individuals who work closely with the nurse applicant in order to verbalize the applicant's excellence. If self-nominating, applicants are required, at a minimum, to attach two reference letters for application to be accepted. **WINNERS FROM THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE CURRENT AWARD.**

**Selection Procedure**

1. Nominations will open June 1, 2022
2. Nominations will be submitted online.
3. Nominations will be blinded and sent to a panel of judges and scored using the attached rubric.
4. Top 40 candidates with highest scores will be chosen as winners. In case of a tie, a tiebreaker scorecard will be resubmitted to the selection committee for rescoring.
5. Winners and affiliated organizations will be notified of selection by or before August 15, 2022.

**Recognition of Awards**

Recognition Award Celebration will tentatively be October 10, 2022 at the Benton Event Center. Notification will be sent to each winner and their affiliated organization.

**Important Deadlines**

**Nomination Deadline: July 1, 2022**

**Winners notified by or before: August 15, 2022**

**Winners Reception: Tentative October 10, 2022**

**Applications will be submitted online.**

**Other correspondence may be emailed to:**

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## Arkansas 40 Nurse Leaders Under 40

Instructions: Utilize the four Pillars of Excellence in Nursing for considering your nominee for one of Arkansas' 40 Nurse Leaders under 40 Honor. Based on your experience with the applicant or as the applicant **(if self-nominating must include 2 letters of reference)**, please provide significant detail about how this applicant stands out as an **exceptional leader among peers in nursing in the four listed areas below.**

Nominee must also meet the following criteria:

- a) Must NOT have reached their 41st birthday by October 1, 2022
  - b) Must Hold an unencumbered Arkansas RN license
  - c) If the nominee has been a previous recipient of the 40 Under 40 award, all responses must reflect the nominee's accomplishments since they last received the award. WINNERS FROM THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE CURRENT AWARD.
1. Please elaborate on nominee(s): Commitment to Excellence (Provide examples of the individual's time commitment and contributions to innovative initiatives and projects to improve outcomes)
  2. Please elaborate on how nominee(s): Service/Outreach (Provide examples of community and professional contributions that fall outside the individual's normal job duties and/ or organization)
  3. Please elaborate on nominee(s): Leadership Qualities (Provide examples of the individual's consistent involvement in leadership activities and/or mentorship)
  4. Please elaborate on nominee(s): Contribution to the Advancement of Nursing Profession (Provide examples of the individual's voluntary contributions to projects and initiatives that improve the science of nursing and the nursing profession)

**Nominees will need to submit a cover letter in addition to the application. Cover letters should address the following questions:**

1. Nominees goal(s) for the future and/or plans for advancing in nursing as a leader
2. How has his/her experiences, skills, and community activities enhanced their leadership abilities to support commitment to excellence?
3. Nominee's ongoing education plans
4. Past nominations/recognitions/awards including year received/nominated



**Cover letters should be emailed to:**  
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