

Nomination FAQs and Tips

What is the Tucson Nurses Week Foundation?

The Tucson Nurses' Week Foundation began in July 1994 when a group of leading Tucson Nurses came together to pursue a vision for a citywide celebration of Nurses Week. The goals of the Foundation and the Nurses Week events are to enhance education and research among Tucson-area Nurses and to celebrate excellence by recognizing Nurses in a manner to commensurate with the roles Nurses play in the health of the community. This recognition process seeks Nurses in all settings and all types of Nursing practice. In the past, it was rare for the public to hear about the accomplishments of Nurses who are responding daily to the health-care needs of the Tucson community.

The Tucson Nurses Week Foundation is a nonprofit, 501© (3) organization. The Foundation is committed to sharing innovative health-care practices, caring for the community, and celebrating Nursing as a learning profession.

Who can be nominated?

Our mission is fulfilled through a comprehensive community nomination process that celebrates excellence in nursing. Each year, we honor five Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), fifty fabulous Registered Nurses (RNs), one inspiring Nurse (RN) mentor, and one outstanding Pediatric Nurse. All RNs and LPNs practicing across any healthcare discipline in Tucson and Southern Arizona are eligible for nomination. To ensure we continue recognizing the diverse pool of extraordinary nurses in our community, each nurse may receive an award in any given category only once.

You will need to provide the nominee's complete contact information (full name, telephone number, and personal email address) at the time of submission. This information will only be used if the nurse is selected as a winner. We request personal email addresses because many hospitals have restrictions on external email communications.

Who can submit a nomination?

We welcome nominations from anyone who has witnessed exceptional nursing care, including peers, colleagues, family members, patients, and community members. During the open nomination period, you may submit unlimited nominations to ensure deserving nurses receive the recognition they merit.

Where do I submit a nomination?

To submit a nomination, please visit the nominations page on the Tucson Nurses Week Foundation website. There you'll find all the necessary forms, criteria, and submission guidelines.

How are winners selected?

Each nomination undergoes a rigorous and prestigious review process conducted by a distinguished panel of multiple reviewers, including previous award recipients, board members, and memorial award family representatives. All submissions are carefully evaluated and scored using a standardized process, with nominations blinded during review to ensure that the quality and impact of each nurse's work remains the primary focus of evaluation.

When will winners be announced?

Winners will be notified during the third week of February. Notifications will be delivered by the winner's facility leadership representative and/or a Tucson Nurses Week Foundation Board Member.

When will nurses be recognized?

Each year, we proudly host two signature events during Nurses Week to honor our exceptional nursing professionals. Our celebration includes an Educational Conference and Health Fair, providing valuable learning opportunities and wellness resources for our nursing community. The week culminates with our formal Gala event, where we recognize and celebrate the achievements of our current year's award winners. For detailed information about these events, including registration details and schedules, please visit the Event page on the Tucson Nurses Week Foundation website.

Who can I reach out to if I have more questions?

Please email us at info@tucsonnursesweekfoundation.org